

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECTS

1-888-DASH-2-DOT

(1-888-327-4236)

INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Date Received

OFFICE
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Od_or _____

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Reference No.

567613

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Street

Apt. No.

City Prescott

State Arizona

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

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Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 12/14/2002

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN.) (Located at bottom of
windshield on driver's side)

1 B 3 X A 5 6 K 5 M F G A 1 0 4 0

Make

Dodge

Model

Spirit LE

Year

1991

Purchased Date

Jan 1992

Dealer's Name

Fowell Motors (now has been bought by
Yark Motors)

Engine Size

(CID/GC/L) 2.5 L

 Turbo

 Diesel

 Gas

 Fuel Injection

 New Used

Dealer's City

Prescott

State

AZ

Zip Code

86303

No. Cylinders

4

Manufacture Date
(on driver's door or pillar)

1990

Transmission Type

 Manual

 Automatic

Restraint System

 Driveside Air Bag

 Motorbell

 Passengerside Air Bag

 3-Point Belt

 3-Point Belt

Cruise Control

 Yes

 No

Drivetrain

 Front

 Rear

 4-Wheel

Vehicle Type

 Car

 Sport Utility

 Van

 Truck

 Minivan

 Motorcycle

 Other

Body Style

 2-Door 4-Door

 Stationwagon

 Pick Up Truck

 Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Name(s)

Anti roll bar

Location

 Left

 Right

 Front

 Rear

Failed Part(s)

 Original

 Replacement

Handicap Adaptive Equip

 Yes

 No

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand

NA

Tire Name

Complete Tire Size

DOT No.

No. of Failures

Date(s) of Failure(s)

Mileage at Failure(s)

Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)

Failed Part(s)

Available?

 Yes

 No

NHTSA Previously

Contacted?

 Yes

 No

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)

Crash

 Yes No

Fire

 Yes No

Number of Persons Injured

None

Number of Fatalities

None

Reported to Manufacturer

 Yes No

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

The anti roll bar (or sometimes call antisway bar) broke while the car was being driven on a road in the development where I live. A load of gravel had been laid out over same but it had never been spread out and well leveled. I subsequently took the car to a repair shop who recommended welding the brake since it would require replacing the whole rear axle assembly to replace it with new parts. It subsequently broke again around 11 months later.

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The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to a 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

I obviously can't prove that the suspension was defective (but I suspect it was since it broke so easily). The dealer states the only proper repair is to replace the whole rear axle assembly. I have reported this incident to my insurance company and have also discussed it with the dealer's service manager. Neither chooses to do anything to correct the problem.

I am traveling to California 1 1/2 weeks from now but will drive my other car (an Oldsmobile) since this car may not be safe especially when driving in the mountains on hairpin curves.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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Complete and return or place in your car manual for future use



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