



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
National 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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline)

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City **TOLEDO** State **OH** Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Evening Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO  
In the absence of an owner's signature, please print the name or address of the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date **6/11/08**

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side  
**WVWPD638000400463** Make **VOLKSWAGEN** Model **PASSAT GLX** Model Year **1999**

Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Engine:  
No. Cylinders **6**

Fuel Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Original Owner ☒

Dealer's City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain \_\_\_\_\_

Vehicle Component Code

**220000 SEATS**

☒ Cruise Control

Multiple Failure: **1**

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s)  
**24-MAY-2003**

Failure Mileage  
**32,150**

Failure Speed  
**0-2000 RPM**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make \_\_\_\_\_

Tire Model (Name or Number) \_\_\_\_\_

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) \_\_\_\_\_

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC035)

☐ Original Equipment  
☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Tire Component Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tire Failure Type \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Manufactured: \_\_\_\_\_

Model No./Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Seat Type: \_\_\_\_\_

Installation System: \_\_\_\_\_

Child Seat Component Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Failed Part: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

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

Crash

Fire

Number of Persons Injured \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Deaths \_\_\_\_\_

Reported to Police \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure (e.g., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available)).

CONSUMER MOVED THE DRIVER'S SEAT TO ITS FULLY FORWARD POSITION IN ORDER TO RETRIEVE A DROPPED ITEM. THE SEAT BECAME STUCK IN THAT POSITION AND COULD NOT BE MOVED. \*AK

**THIS IS AN UNSAFE POSITION FOR THE SEAT TO BE IN ACCORDING TO THE OWNER'S MANUAL - AS IT ALLOWS POSSIBLE INJURY IN AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT. IT IS VERY COSTLY TO REPAIR & I CANNOT AFFORD THE BILLS AT THIS TIME, I AM FORCED TO DRIVE THE CAR IN THIS POSITION.**

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response will be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with an administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.