



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) 2003 SEP -2  
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [Redacted]  
Address [Redacted]  
City NEWTONVILLE State MA Zip Code [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number [Redacted] E-mail Address [Redacted]  
Evening Telephone Number [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to contact the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorized signature, please print the name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner [Redacted] Date 8-12-03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 1B7GL2206XS165786  
Make DODGE Model DAKOTA Model Year 1999  
Date Purchased NOV 98 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Wellesley Dodge 1-781-235-6666 Engine: No. Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: GAS  
Original Owner [Redacted] Dealer's City Wellesley State MA Zip Code 02181  
Transmission Type [Redacted]  Lock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain 2 wheel Automatic  
Vehicle Component Code 021520 SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:UPPER BALL JOINT  
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 8-03 Failure Mileage 61000 Failure Speed 2 lower Ball Joints Differential 2nd Time

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [Redacted] Tire Model (Name or Number) [Redacted] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [Redacted]  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: [Redacted]  
Tire Component Code [Redacted] Tire Failure Type [Redacted]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [Redacted] Date Manufactured: [Redacted] Model No./Name: [Redacted]  
Seat Type: [Redacted] Installation System: [Redacted]  
Child Seat Component Code: [Redacted] Failed Part: [Redacted]

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

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

Crash  Yes  No Fire  Yes  No Number of Persons Injured [Redacted] Number of Deaths [Redacted] Reported to Police N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(es).  
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

UPPER/LOWER BALL JOINTS LOOSENED, AND NEEDED REPLACEMENT. \*AK

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 may 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 administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.