



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

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1003904

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

ST. AUGUSTINE

State FL

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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 1/1

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

WBACD4320WA

Make

BMW

Model

328i

Model Year

1998

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No. Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

140000 AIR BAGS

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed

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: DOTM15ABC036)

☐ 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

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

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; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if said part is available).

THE PASSENGER'S SIDE IMPACT DOOR MOUNTED AIR BAG DEPLOYED BEHIND THE DOOR TRIM. INJURIES WERE CAUSED BECAUSE THE DOOR TRIM FLEW OFF AND HIT THE OCCUPANT. THE CAR SLID AND HIT A CURB CAUSING THE BAG TO DEPLOY. PHOTOS ATTACHED

*up date
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w/ Email
Pictures*

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.

Wiacek, Chris

From: Tony Gedeon [tgedeon@adsil.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 11, 2003 4:58 PM
To: Wiacek, Chris
Subject: 328i airbag pics

Chris: Sorry this took so long as I have been on constant travel.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
St. Augustine, Florida [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Notification was for a side airbag on a 1998 BMW 328i that failed to deploy out the airbag door (cover) when the car slid and hit a curve on a rainy night. Instead, the airbag deployed down the door and blew off the entire door panel into the passengers ribs, causing bruises, etc. Attached are the pictures.

The BMW field engineer took a report and pictures while I had the car at Ford's Paint and Body Technology Center in Ypsilanti Michigan, where the pictures were taken. Ford and Chief used the car as an example in a training session held there. The Ford and Chief engineers strongly suggested that I file the report with you.

9/12/2003













