



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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Reference No.

10040396

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

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Name

Street No.

Apt. No.

City

State MI

Zip Code

Daytime 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, your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 9/9/2003

PRODUCT INFORMATION

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

Make

Dodge

Model

Dakota

Year

1991

1 B 7 F L 1 G 6 9 M 5 2 7 3 8 4 7

Purchased Date

1/24/1991

Dealer's Name

Tooy Better Chrisb Plymouth Dodge

Engine Size

(CID/CC/L) 2-5L

☐ Turbo☐ Diesel☒ Gas☐ Fuel Injection☒ New ☐ Used

Dealer's City

Montague

State MI

Zip Code

No. Cylinders

4

Manufacture Date
(on driver's door or pillar)

12/90

Transmission Type

☒ Manual☐ Automatic

Restraint System

☐ Driverside Air Bag☐ Motorbell☐ Passengerside Air Bag☐ 2-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) Fuel supply tube
(p.n. 52018323)

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

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

Number of Fatalities

Reported to Manufacturer

☒ Yes ☐ No

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

The fuel supply tube was installed so that it was directly against the junction of the firewall and sleeper floorpan. This is a very sharp (welded) junction which wore through the steel fuel supply tube, causing a fuel leak.

The repairing dealer (invoice attached) tied the replacement fuel supply line about an inch away from this sharp metal body weldment junction, to avoid a repeat of this failure. (next page)

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I believe that the defective assembly at the factory presents a fire or explosion hazard.

The incorrect routing of the fuel supply line should have been ~~observed~~ observed and corrected during initial dealer checkups, if not at the factory.

I thought that Chrysler should have covered this repair, but they advised that they could not. I reported the problem to their customer center, and I have ~~retained~~ kept the old steel fuel supply line with the hole ~~was~~ into it. Chrysler advised that they were not interested in looking at it. If NHTSA has an interest in looking at this part, I will discard it. Thank you.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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