



U.S. Department
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DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name
Address
City MINNEAPOLIS State MN Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number
Evening Telephone Number
E-mail Address

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 1/16/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
JT2BK18U82 Make TOYOTA Model PRIUS Model Year 2002

Date Purchased Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
Rudy Luther 763-541-8999

Original Owner Dealer's City State MN Zip Code Engine: No. Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: hybrid

Transmission Type ☒ Antilock Brakes Powertrain
☒ Cruise Control Vehicle Component Code
190000 TIRES
Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 30-JUL-2003 Failure Mileage 25065 Failure Speed 25

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make BRIDGESTONE Tire Model (Name or Number) POTENZA Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) P175/65R14

DOT No. (Example: DOT1AL8ABC035) ☒ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE REAR

Tire Component Code 190000 TIRES Tire Failure Type BLOWOUT

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 Number of Deaths 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 old part is available).

WHILE DRIVING AT 25 MPH PASSENGER'S SIDE REAR TIRE BLEW OUT. PRIOR TO THE BLOWOUT DEALERSHIP INDICATED THAT ALL TIRES HAD ABNORMAL WEAR. AT THE TIME OF BLOWOUT CONSUMER WAS ABLE TO SEE THE METAL BELT THROUGH THE SIDEWALL. *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.

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

I had the car in for routine maintenance and the Dealer told me that the tires had abnormal wear and they were checking into warranty coverage. I would not have driven the car if I knew belts were showing through on the inside of two tires. I had to pay 1/2 price for tires and shouldn't have paid anything. We were lucky no one was hurt when the tire blew out while driving.

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