



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)
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City: FLUSHING State: MI Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: **hikerbill@aol.com**
Evening Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
In the absence of an authorized signature, provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: **1/30/04**

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: **1B7GGZ2N4YS826715**
Make: DODGE Model: DAKOTA Model Year: 2000
Date Purchased: **11/22/99** Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: **Lasco Ford Chrysler 810-629-2258** Engine: No. Cylinders: **Next Generation 4.7L Magnum V8** Fuel Type: **Unleaded GAS**
Original Owner: Dealer's City: **Fenton, MI** State: **MI** Zip Code: **48430**
Transmission Type: **5 speed WDMAN** 4 wheel Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain: **40D** Vehicle Component Code: **0215ZD SUSPENSION: FRONT: CONTROL ARM: UPPER BALL JOINT**
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): **8/11/03** Failure Mileage: **70000-85000** Failure Speed: **5mi/hr**

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: DOTM18ABC036): [REDACTED] 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(ies).)

Crash: Yes No Fire: Yes No
Number of Persons Injured: **0** 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 old part is available).

THE LEFT FRONT WHEEL SEPARATED AND CAME OFF WHILE DRIVING. THIS WAS DUE TO PREMATURE WEAR OF THE BALL JOINTS BECAUSE OF POOR LUBRICATION. THE PART WAS REPLACED, BUT CURRENTLY THEY WERE LOOSE. AK

I was stopped at a 4-way stop. As I began to proceed thru the intersection I heard a loud clunking noise toward the front of the truck. I got the truck to the side of the rd. - looked at the front left wheel & tire & saw that it was broken off - leaving sideways into the truck. There is no doubt in my mind that if this happened even 1 or 2 minutes prior or after - when I would be at 55mph on the rd. - this would have been injury to me or others on the rd. involved me!

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.

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