



U.S. Department
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National Highway
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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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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

OCEANSIDE

State

NY

Zip Code

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO

To the absence of your address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 4/25/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
19UUA56922A001201

Make
ACURA

Model
TL S

Model Year
2002

Date Purchased

2-23-02

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Valley Stream Acura

Engine:

No. Cylinders

6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

Valley Stream

State

NY

Zip Code

11580

Transmission Type

Automatic

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

190000 TIRES

Multiple Failure: TIRE

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

Aug. 03

JAN 04

Failure Mileage

16,800

Failure Speed

50 mph

38-40 mph

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

MICHELIN

Tire Model (Name or Number)

PILOT

Tire Size (Example: P215/65R15)

P2155DR17

DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036)

8938CTT0301

☐ Original Equipment

☒ Prior Repair

Failure Location: Belt Parkway

Tire Component Code

190000 TIRES

Tire Failure Type BLOWOUT 2X

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

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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 UNDER ICY ROAD CONDITIONS THE FRONT PASSENGER TIRE BLEW OUT. THE CONSUMER REPLACED THE TIRE AND 5 MONTHS LATER THE REPLACEMENT TIRE BLEW OUT. (Incident #2 (Acura dealership) Rt. Front Tire (replaced + Wheel)

Driving on Belt Parkway A Bubble in tire was very pronounced on the Sidewall. Replacement was made at (Capital Tire) Incident #1 - Aug. 03 (Rt. Front Tire)

Driving locally noticed Bubble on sidewall. (Rt. Back Tire) Still needs replacement. (Incident #3 (Pending))

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)

the incident listed on the reverse. Indicate that the Michelin Pilot Series Tires are unable to withstand road conditions, weather conditions, summer or winter and factoring the safety & cost. These tires are waiting for a fatality to happen before a recall is made. Please assist me in this matter. Thank You, [REDACTED]

The incident #d was a serious blowout causing the tire & wheel to be replaced. Tire needed to be towed & Acura replaced at their cost this time on 1/20/04.

OPEN FILE TO THE FOLLOWING:

Notified: Michelin @ 1-800-847-3435

Acura Client Service @ 516-561-7470

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As you can read on to see that Acura no longer uses Michelin Tires on their Acura's.
Noted: Yokohama Tires and/or Bridgestone Potenza.

"NewSDAY, Friday, January 30, 2004"

The Acura TL: Horsepower At the Head of Its Class

I'm not suggesting you do this, mind you, but you could close your eyes while behind the wheel of the new Acura TL and think you're driving a BMW.

Although the TL's variable-assist steering is a bit lighter than a BMW's, the Acura rides with the same firmness and handles with the same authority.

Redesigned for '04 and based on the Accord, which itself was redesigned for '03, the new TL is a fun-to-drive sedan right out of the box — no need to opt for a performance version. It's a supremely quiet highway cruiser, too, with an impressive 241 hp and a price that's reasonable considering the level of equipment and Acura's excellent reputation for quality.

The TL's new V-6 offers 10 more horsepower than that of the "Type S" version of the previous TL, which delivered 230 hp. Other TLs had 225-hp versions of that engine.

The TL is not to be confused with the smaller Acura TLX.



Just
honest.

which is based on a version of the Accord sold in Japan and Europe. The TLX costs about \$6,000 less than the TL, and it has a four-cylinder engine.

On sale since October, the TL now has a sport-tuned suspension in all versions. If it's not enough for you, though, Acura dealers will sell you an "A-SPEC" package for \$5,200 plus installation that includes track-tuned shocks and springs, high-performance low-profile Yokohama tires on larger wheels and a variety of ornaments.

Acura says the TL's steering has been refined for '04 for improved road "feel" and reduced kickback.

Except for the A-SPEC package, the TL comes in six basic versions — with steel wheels or automatic, with and without a navigation system and with or without Bridgestone Potenza high-performance tires. The latter had the best all-around drive — P235/45R17 Bridgestone Potenza. Given the TL's

See ROAD TEST on D1

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THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
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