



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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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
City: GRASS VALLEY State: CA Zip Code: [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]  
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, NHTSA will NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: 06/24/04

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: [Redacted] Make: HONDA Model: ACCORD Model Year: 1994  
Date Purchased: Feb., 1994 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: CLAY Co  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: AUBURN, CA State: CA Zip Code: 95603 Engine: 4 Fuel Type: Reg  
Transmission Type: Manual  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain: 2-wheel Dr  
Vehicle Component Code: 190000 TIRES Multiple Failure: 3

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s): 10-FEB-2004 Failure Mileage: 200000 Failure Speed: 65 mph  
TIRES DEFLATED SUDDENLY WITHOUT WARNING (NOT AT THE SAME TIME)  
This might be the schrader VALVE NOT THE TIRE ITSELF.

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make: MICHELIN Tire Model (Name or Number): XH RADIAL TIRE The Size (Example P215/65R15): P185/70R14  
DOT No. (Example: DOTMALSABC036): HNF9FV1X0903  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: URBAN AUBURN, CA GRASS VALLEY, CA PEAR VALLEY, CA  
Tire Component Code: 190000 TIRES MAY BE TIRE TO AIR PROBLEM OR VALVE CARE. Tire Failure Type: Sudden loss of air

**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 (e.g., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available)).

THE CONSUMER PURCHASED FOUR NEW TIRES FIVE MONTHS AGO. THREE OF THE TIRES HAVE SUFFERED SUDDEN AIR LOSS, NOT DUE TO PUNCTURES. THE CONSUMER HAVE EXCHANGED TWO OF THE DEFECTIVE TIRES AND NOW THE THIRD ONE IS FLAT. \*LA

The third tire failure did not ruin the tire which was re-inflated (with a new valve) and seems OK so far. I'm wondering if the VALVES, originally installed, were not genuine Schrader brand but of foreign manufacture and not up to standard.  
This tires were purchased at a warehouse discount (COSTCO) which replaced 2 and all valves HAD THIS BEEN A 4-wheel DR SUV, it could have resulted in an accident/fatality.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) 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)

In each of 3 separate incidents I was driving at highway speed 65 1st tire, 65 2nd tire, 45 3rd tire. The complete loss of air was not immediately identified as a tire problem resulting in the ruining of those 2. The third tire failure happen at a lower speed (45) so the tire ~~was~~ was not destroyed. All tires were new and failed at 2 months, 4 months and 8 months respectively. This could be a VALVE failure and not the tires themselves. These valves are now manufactured in foreign countries, where quality control may not match US standards.

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