



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 2004 OCT 15  
(1-888-327-4236)  
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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10079927

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: LOMPOC State: CA Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize the manufacturer of your vehicle to be contacted by the NHTSA at the address to the vehicle manufacturer? ☒ YES ☒ NO  
In the absence of Signature of Owner Date: 10/02/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

JH1 FU21 P3M

Make  
NISSAN

Model  
STANZA

Model Year  
1991

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No. Cylinders 4

Fuel Type:

gasoline

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

072200 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: DELIVERY: HOSES, LINES/PIPING,

AUTOMATIC

☒ Cruise Control

F40

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)  
22-JUN-2004

Failure Mileage  
100000

Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Num)

Tire Size (Example P215/85R15)

DOT No. (Ex:

1A13ABC036)

☐ Original Equipment  
☐ Prior Repair

Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

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

Fire

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

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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).

THE FUEL LINE IS CRACKED AND IS LEAKING PROFUSELY. THIS PARTICULAR HOSE IS AN AFTER MARKET PRODUCT, AND IS ASSUMED TO BE HAZARDOUS. THE ORIGINAL HOSE WAS REPLACED BEFORE THE CONSUMER PURCHASED THE VEHICLE. \*AK\* (presumed)

Failed hose was not easily accessible for inspection or replacement. Source of leak was not readily apparent. Hose was mfd by Gates Corp., P.O. box 5887, Denver, Colorado to SAE 7 specification, which a Mr. Hinkel at (303)7444407 conceded is no longer considered satisfactory for injection hose, especially with California Gasolines, stating that they are now using SAE 10 spec. polymer. I sent the failed hose to him for autopsy. I personally, feel that reinforced vinyl (enclosed) should be considered as a more suitable material than neoprene rubber.

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.

I replaced failed hose with injection hose purchased from Kragen Auto Parts, Lompoc CA

see enclosed Gates letter of 06/28/04

(805) 735 2795

(over)

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

P.S. I installed another piece of enclosed warranty hose on a 1974 Honda 1137 cc carburetted engine (probably 3, 3 psi instead of 75 psi) over 20,000 miles ago with not sign of deterioration yet (still in service).



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Denver, CO 80217-6887  
303.744.5220  
303.744.5884 Fax  
A Tomkins Company

June 28, 2004

Dear Mr. Lawrence,

I received your fuel hose today. I will have it sent to the lab for testing. It appears the leak occurred near the clamp, a position that is under stress from the stem. The cover had many other cracks but they do not appear to have broken though. The use of this SAE30R7 (non-fuel injection) hose on a fuel injection application certainly contributed to this condition.

Thank you for send in this hose for our review and testing. Please accept this cap in appreciation of your time and efforts.

Sincerely,

Robert Rinkel  
Manger of automotive hose