



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 PEARLINGTON State MS Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Same

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 [REDACTED] Date 8/21/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
KNDJ8723425

Make KIA Model SPORTAGE Model Year 2002

Date Purchased 2/2002 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number 504-367-6700
Don Ducote/Mazda/Kia 800-737-2406

Engine: No: Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: Gas Unleaded

Original Owner ☒ Dealer's City Harvey State LA Zip Code 70058

Transmission Type ☒ Antilock Brakes Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE
AUTOMATIC ☒ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code
082200 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: COOLING SYSTEM: FAN

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 03-AUG-2004 Failure Mileage 4000 Failure Speed 5 mph
3 blades broke off fan + flew into radiator. They had to put new fan, radiator + fan shroud.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make Tire Model (Name or Number) Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) ☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure 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 ☐ 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).

WHILE DRIVING FAN BELT BLEW OFF AND INTO THE RADIATOR. VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER, AND THERE WAS NO REASON WHY THIS HAPPENED. "3 Pan blades" broke off + flew into radiator.
If I had been putting washer fluid or doing anything with the hood open, they could have went into me! I had just filled the fluids with the hood opened the day before! The dealership could not tell me why it happened.

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.

R+5 Towing-504-271-1985-picked up my Kia.

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

Thank god no one was injured. I had just pulled out of a gas station & it sounded like something blew up. So I backed up, back into the gas station and I looked. One blade was laying in the road, and the other 2 were stuck into the radiator. So I called the Kia emergency number & they sent a tow truck and picked up my Kia. They had it for 7 days, they said they had to order the parts. If I had been driving faster who knows what could have happened. I don't know if it could have caused an accident, or what. It scared me to death, so I just am thankful I was just pulling out of the gas station when the incident occurred. Thank-you.

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