



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

Address

City HALIFAX

State PA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

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

In the absence of an e-mail address, please provide a name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date 11/10/04

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

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

1B7GG23Y0S1

Make

DODGE

Model

DAKOTA

Model Year

1985

Date Purchased  
18-NOV-02

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:  
No. of Cylinders

Fuel Type:  
Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

151400 SEAT BELTS:FRONT:BUCKLE ASSEMBLY

Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s)  
03-NOV-2004

Failure Mileage

79,673

Failure Speed

all speeds

Driver's Side Seat Belt

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

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/G5R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTMALSABC036)

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), Fatality, 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).

VEHICLE WAS BEING PARKED AND WHEN IT COME TIME TO GET OUT OF THE VEHICLE, THE SEAT BELT WOULD NOT UNLATCH. IT EVENTUALLY HAD TO BE CUT OFF IN ORDER FOR THE PASSENGER TO GET OUT OF THE VEHICLE.\*AK

We use seat belts always, and for no apparent reason, the seat belt would NOT unlock. Had to take it to a garage + a mechanic dismantled it to get me out.

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)

Had seat belt receptor replaced by Furrer Dodge for \$80.67. However the garage ordered the ~~wrong~~ incorrect part. The part we need is \$175 + labor. The part needs to include the lap belt for the center front lap belt. Furrer Dodge (717) 834-3135 ordered incorrect part, but it was installed until the correct one is ordered. Again, the cost will be \$175.00 + installation labor - Copy of Invoice included for informational purposes only.

I tried to talk to Chrysler, however, they would NOT cooperate because vehicle was "out of warranty"

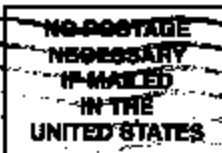
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Washington, DC 20590



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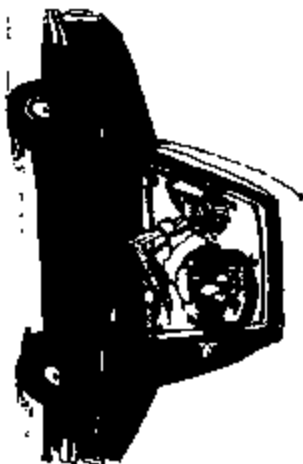
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