



U.S. Department
of Transportation
National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire 2005
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4238)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100192

Date Received
JAN -5 PM 11:37
13-DEC-2004

Repository ☐

Reference No.
10103616

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City WILLARD State MO 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 a signature, NHTSA will provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 12-23-04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1B5GH14R6N2 [REDACTED]
Make DODGE Model CARAVAN C/V Model Year 1992
Date Purchased [REDACTED] Dealer's Name and Telephone Number [REDACTED]
Original Owner ☐ Dealer's City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC ☒ Airlock Brakes ☐ Cruise Control ☐ Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE
Vehicle Component Code 072200 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:DELIVERY:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, ...
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 10-DEC-2004 Failure Mileage 408200 Failure Speed [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/85R15) [REDACTED]
DOT No. (Example: DOTM18ABC036) ☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]
Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] 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 IS DEVELOPING A FUEL LEAK AT THE SWIVEL FUEL RAIL LOCATED AT THE FRONT AND REAR OF THE ENGINE. THE LEAK IS DEVELOPING WHERE THE FRONT AND BACK FUEL RAILS CONNECT. *AK

SEE ATTACHMENT

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices

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.

Dear Sir,

I have experienced a failure on both a 1990 and 1992 model Dodge Caravan CV in the same location on the fuel rail for the engine. The failure results in fuel dripping on the top of the engine. The failure appears to be a seal o-ring that deteriorates over time creating a fuel leak. This failure probably only effects the 3.3 liter v6 engine. I also witnessed the same problem on 2 additional fuel rails from similar make and model engines obtained from scrap yards locally in attempts to make repairs to these vehicles. The failure occurs at the points where the front and rear fuel rails are connected together with a rigid tube. The connection between this tube and fuel rail is designed to swivel to facilitate removal of the rails. These swivels are non-repairable crimped together fittings. I experienced a leak on the 1990 model at approximately 190,000 miles. I experienced a leak on the 1992 vehicle at approximately 409,000 miles. Though I caught both of these leaks before they resulted in a fire on my vehicle, I feel they pose a serious threat of fire for others. Having personally experienced 4 leaking sets of rails and having heard comments describing this problem from several mechanics, makes me believe there is a high failure rate on this item. The repair requires a new fuel rail from the dealership. The part cost is currently \$237.

