



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 PATCHOGUE State NY Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number
831 289 7785
Evening Telephone Number _____

E-mail Address _____

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES

In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner _____

Date 12/29/04

* PLEASE
* NOTIFY
MANUFACTURER

OF VEHICLE!

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1B7GG22X2K		Make DODGE	Model DAKOTA	Model Year 1999
Date Purchased 4/2/99	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Herbee Motors Inc. (516) 422-0123		Engine: No. Cylinders 6	Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City 130 Sunrise Hwy, West Islip	State NY	Zip Code 11795	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain	Vehicle Component Code 021520 SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:UPPER BALL JOINT	
Multiple Failure: 1				

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
12-JUN-2004

Failure Mileage
30000

Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make Goodyear	Tire Model (Name or Number) Goodyear Wrangler RTS	Tire Size (Example P216/66R16) 31X10.5R15
DOT No. (Example: DOTM18BABC036)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> 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), condition(s), and injury(ies).)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police Y
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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 UPPER AND LOWER BALL JOINTS WORE OUT PREMATURELY. *AK

Dodge Dakota 1999 pickup truck was purchased brand new on 4/2/99. Vehicle only used round-trip to work approx. 10 mi. per day 5 days per wk. Vehicle is excellently maintained. Vehicle was brought into Neil Dodge, Medford, NY for inspection on 6/14/04. Mechanic found upper + lower ball joints prematurely worn + replaced. Recalls must also include 1999's!!

Include, if available: Police/Era 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.

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

1999 Dodge Dakota pickup truck was purchased brand new on 4/2/99. Vehicle is only used to go to work, approx. 10 mi per day, round-trip, 5 days per wk. Vehicle is excellently maintained at Dodge dealership service dept's. only. On 6/12/04 vehicle was brought in for NYS inspection, and mechanic found upper + lower ball joints prematurely worn, and had to be replaced. Repair was done at Neil Dodge, Medford NY. Why is it that only 2000-2003 DAKOTA'S ARE ONLY ON THE RECALL LIST, MY TRUCK IS VIRTUALLY BRAND NEW (BY THE WAY THAT I TREAT IT). I HONESTLY FEEL THAT THE BALL-JOINTS IN MY PARTICULAR TRUCK WERE DEFECTIVE FROM THE DAY IT WAS MANUFACTURED, AND I SHOULD BE REIMBURSED FOR THE AMOUNT OF \$988.54, (PARTS+LABOR), SINCE I HAVE HAD THE UPPER+LOWER BALL JOINTS REPLACED AT MY OWN EXPENSE.

Sincerely and Honestly,



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