



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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline)

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name

Address

City PORT CHARLOTTE

State FL

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 a signature, please provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner Date 1/15/05

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

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

PLEASE FILL IN 1B7G12340US

Make

DODGE

Model

DAKOTA

Model Year

1997

Date Purchased  
DEC 31, 1996

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders 8

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner  
☒

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type  
AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes  
☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain  
FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

021520 SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER BALL JOINT

Multiple Failures: 2

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

Incident Date(s)  
22-DEC-2004

Failure Mileage  
62,000

Failure Speed  
55

**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: DOTM19A8C036)

☐ 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 Codes

Failed Part:

**APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(es).)

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(es).

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).

A KNOCKING NOISE WAS COMING FROM THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. THE CONSUMER DROVE TO THE DEALER AND THE MECHANIC INFORMED THE CONSUMER THAT THE LEFT AND RIGHT UPPER AND LOWER BALL JOINTS NEEDED TO BE REPLACED DUE TO CORROSION. PLEASE FILL IN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. \*JB

Wrote Dodge around Jan 2004. Chw wrote open letter on 3 1/2 floppy disks corrupt. They called and agreed I had had too many problems that were not abuse negligent, or lack of maintenance. 18 in total. Said they would file letter. Appx cost to repair \$750.

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.