



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

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

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City TRENTON State NJ 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, please provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 1/17/2005

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
PLEASE PROVIDE WDBJF65H2XA [REDACTED] Make MERCEDES BENZ Model E320 Model Year 1999

Date Purchased 5/17/1999 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number PRINCETON MOTORSPORT, INC. (609) 771-8040 Engine: 3.2 LITER No. Cylinders V6 Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner ☒ Dealer's City PRINCETON State NJ Zip Code 08548

Transmission Type AUTOMATIC ☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code 192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 30-DEC-2004 Failure Mileage 38000-39500 Failure Speed 60-65

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make GOODYEAR Tire Model (Name or Number) EAGLE LS Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 215/55R16 93H
DOT No. (Example: DOTM123456789) DOT M 633 BMDR 019 ☒ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE REAR
Tire Component Code 192000 TIRES:SIDEWALL (INNER FACE) Tire Failure Type BLOWOUT

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 [REDACTED]

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).
Please describe (1) event 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).

CONSUMER WAS DRIVING AT 60 MPH WHEN THE REAR PASSENGER'S TIRE BLEW OUT. CONSUMER PULLED TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD. THE TIRE WAS CHANGED BY AAA. *AK

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.

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

I WAS DRIVING THIS CAR IN NY STATE (I-87) WITH A SPEED OF 60 MPH ON 12/30/04 AT 10PM. AT A SUDDEN A LOUD SOUND WAS HEARD & SAME TIME MY CAR PULLED TOWARDS RIGHT ON SHOULDER. VERY QUICKLY. LUCKY, SOME HOW IT WAS BROUGHT UNDER CONTROL BY MERCY OF GOD. I GOT DOWN & FOUND BLOWNOUT TIRE (REAR PASSENGER SIDE) INNER FACE (SEE ATTACHE PHOTOGRAPH) SOME HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE CREW CALLED "AAA" & TIRE WAS REPLACED. NEXT DAY I BOUGHT A NEW TIRE & IT WAS PUT ON (SEE RECEIPT). THIS CAR WAS CHECKED BY MERCEDES-BENZ DEALER ON MAY 06, 2004 AS A REGULAR MAINTENANCE CHECK. NO TIRE PROBLEM WAS AT THIS TIME. THE ODOMETER READING AT THIS SERVICE TIME WAS 35896. THE ODOMETER READING AT ACCIDENT TIME WAS 39500.

I REPORTED THIS INCIDENT TO PRINCETON, ^{NJ} MERCEDES DEALER (SERVICE DEPARTMENT) AND ITS HEAD OFFICE BUT NO BODY PHD ANY ATTENTION TO IT.

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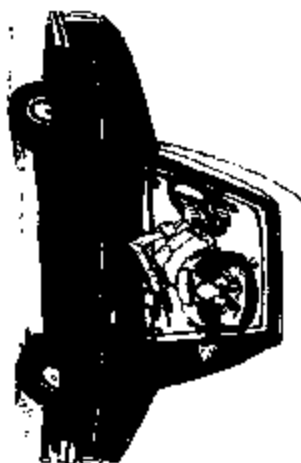
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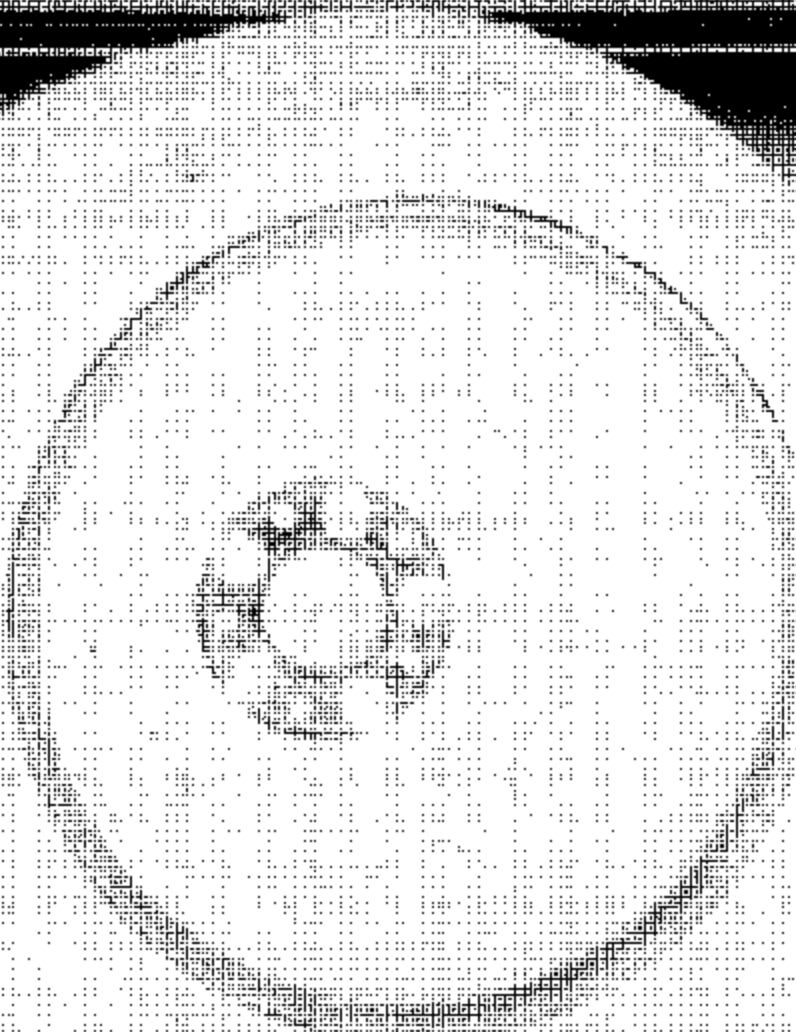
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