

 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		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100222	
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)					
Name [REDACTED]		Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]		E-mail Address [REDACTED]	
Address [REDACTED]		Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]			
City VENICE		State FL	Zip Code [REDACTED]	Same as Above ☒	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☒ NO In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner _____ Date 1 / 1					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) JNKCA31A3 [REDACTED]		Make INFINITI	Model 130	Model Year 2000	
Date Purchased 09-29-2000	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number COAST INFINITY PHONE 941-924-1211		Engine: No. Cylinders 6	Fuel Type: Gas	
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City SARASOTA		State FL	Zip Code 34239	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control	Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 112000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:ALTERNATOR/GENERATOR/REGULATC Multiple Failure: 1		
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Incident Date(s) 30-JAN-2006	Failure Mileage 29800	Failure Speed 45	DEFECTIVE ALTERNATOR (SEE ENCL FIG 2)		
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make NA		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)		☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair		Failure Location:	
Tire Component Code		Tire Failure Type			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE					
Make: NA		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), crash(es), and injury(ies).)					
Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured —	Number of Deaths —	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). THE BATTERY LIGHT CAME ON WHILE THE CONSUMER WAS ON THE WAY HOME TRAVELING 45 MPH. BEFORE THE CONSUMER COULD GET OFF THE HIGHWAY THE VEHICLE SHUT DOWN. WHILE WAITING FOR THE TOW TRUCK CONSUMER WAS ABLE TO RESTART THE VEHICLE. THE DEALER WAS NOTIFIED BY THE DEALER THAT THE ALTERNATOR WAS DEFECTIVE. *AK CONSUMER SEE "NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION" AND ENCLOSED FIG 1 AND FIG 2 (OVER)					
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.					

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BATTERY AND BRAKE WARNING LIGHTS ILLUMINATING FOR SHORT PERIODS DURING MONTH OF JANUARY. I TOOK CAR IN TO VENICE NISSAN FOR A QUICK CHECK. THEY REPORTED BATTERY CHARGING OK AND ALL ELSE OK. SUGGESTED THAT I WATCH FOR SLOW CRANKING OR DIM HEADLIGHTS. I DROVE FOR OVER A WEEK AFTER WITH NO PROBLEM AND NO WARNING LIGHTS ON THE EVENING OF JAN 30, DRIVING CAR WITH HEADLIGHTS ON AND AIR CONDITIONING RUNNING. BATTERY AND BRAKE WARNING LIGHTS CAME ON. I CAME TO A STOP ON THE NEXT TRAFFIC LIGHT WHEN ALL WARNING LIGHTS ON THE INSTRUMENT PANEL FLASHED ON AND THEN THE CAR COMPLETELY SHUT DOWN WITH ALL LIGHTS GOING OUT. THE STARTER WAS COMPLETELY DEAD. 1/2 HOUR LATER I WAS ABLE TO START CAR AND DRIVE HOME. (SEE ATT FIG. 1) AND TO THE DEALER THE NEXT DAY. THE PROBLEM WAS DIAGNOSED THE NEXT DAY AS A DEFECTIVE ALTERNATOR, BY COAST INFINITY (SEE ATT FIG. 2)

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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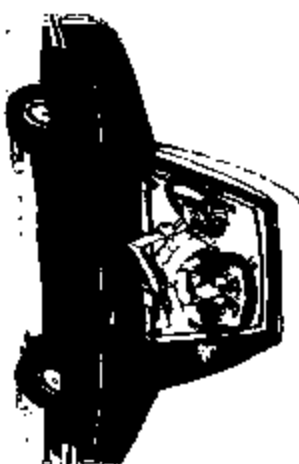
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February 1, 2005

William Balkwell
Sheriff
Sarasota County
2071 Ringling Boulevard
Sarasota FL 34237

Dear Sheriff Balkwell,

My wife and I are sending this letter to express our gratitude and compliment your Department for the life saving actions of one of your off-duty personnel on the foggy evening of January 30, 2005.

At that time my wife and I were driving home (east) on US 41. Before approaching the Jacaranda Blvd intersection my car developed an electrical malfunction. When I stopped for the traffic light at the head of the left turn lane to Jacaranda Blvd. all systems in my car shut down. Traffic was coming from my rear, and my vehicle's lights had gone out.

Out of the traffic a small car pulled up behind us, illuminating our car. A young woman jumped out and instructed me not to stand in the road and my wife to get out and away from our car. She directed traffic away, and then helped us phone the Sheriff's office and AAA. After about 20 minutes AAA arrived, and surprisingly my car's starter functioned again and we were able to leave the scene followed by the AAA truck.

The young lady that helped us introduced herself as a Sheriff's Department employee, and modestly accepted our thanks. She said her name was Debbie, but would not give us her last name.

If not for her swift actions we might not be here to write this letter to you today.

Sincerely

Venice FL

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ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).