



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 VANCOUVER

State WA

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 an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date 4/14/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

T7 VIN Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

1B7H216415

Make

BRIDGE

Model

1500

Model Year

2001

Date Purchased

7-16-01

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Limebrick Perez 972-424-2585

Engine

No. Cylinders 8

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

Plano

State

TX

Zip Code

75075

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

1B5000 VEHICLE SPEED CONTROL:CRUISE CONTROL

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

28-MAR-2005
12-29-04

Failure Mileage

Approx.
45,000

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: DOTM15ABC036)

☐ 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 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

0

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

Y

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).

WHILE DRIVING VEHICLE STALLED, AND THE DRIVER TRIED TO RESTART IT BUT WAS UNABLE TO DO. VEHICLE CAUGHT ON FIRE. THE FIRE
DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. VEHICLE WAS TOWED AND TOTALED BY THE INSURANCE COMPANY. *AK

See attached

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.

I need your help in addressing a possibly dangerous situation involving the Dodge Ram pick up truck. Previous attempts to alert the customer relations department have been futile.

On December 29, 2004, I was driving my three year old Dodge Ram pick up truck, VIN # 1B7HC16Y41S, on the highway near Bowie, Texas. The engine stopped, and when I looked in my rear view mirror to see if I could safely pull over onto the side of the road, I saw flames coming over the bed of the truck. I pulled off the road as fast as I could and jumped out. I escaped relatively unhurt singeing the hair on my arm and burning only the bottom of my pants leg and my shoelaces.

The truck was engulfed in flames instantly. A passerby stopped and offered his fire extinguisher, but its effect was like pouring a teaspoon of water on a bonfire. We watched helplessly as the truck and its contents were consumed and as a grass fire erupted. The volunteer fire department of Bowie, Texas arrived and extinguished the grass fire, but only the shell of the truck remained.

My deep concern is that there might be a problem that is not peculiar to my truck but that could be repeated in other Daimler Chrysler vehicles. If there had been a child or an elderly person as a passenger in my truck, I would not have been able to get them out before the flames engulfed the truck. I feel the responsibility to find out what happened if I can prevent a future tragedy.

Bowie Fire Department
203 Walnut St.
Bowie, TX. 76230

Sheriff
Dewayne Schelsteder
PO Box 127
Montague, TX. 76251

