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# 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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OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Reference No. **10117780**

### OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [Redacted]

Street No. [Redacted] Apt. No. [Redacted]

City: **Winchester** State: **CT** Zip Code: [Redacted]

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

Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: **4/8/05**

### PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN.) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side): **1B7GG22Y4XS**

Make: **Dodge** Model: **Dakota** Year: **1999**

Purchased Date: **9-7-04** Dealer's Name: **Cam Motors, LLC** Dealer's City: **Thomaston** State: **CT** Zip Code: **06787**

Engine Size (CID/CC/L): **5.2L** Turbo  Diesel  Gas  Fuel Injection

No. Cylinders: **8**

Transmission Type:  Manual  Automatic

Restraint System:  Driverside Air Bag  Motorbelt  Passengerside Air Bag  2-Point Belt  3-Point Belt

Cruise Control:  Yes  No

Drivetrain:  Front  Rear  4-Wheel

Vehicle Type:  Car  Sport Utility  Van  Truck  Minivan  Motorcycle  Other

Body Style:  2-Door  4-Door  Stationwagon  Pick Up Truck  Other

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

Part Name(s): **Ball Joints + Tie Rods** Location:  Left  Right  Front  Rear

Failed Part(s):  Original  Replacement

Handicap Adaptive Equip:  Yes  No

### TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand: \_\_\_\_\_ Tire Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete Tire Size: \_\_\_\_\_ DOT No.: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of Failures: \_\_\_\_\_ Date(s) of Failure(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Mileage at Failure(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Failed Part(s) Available?  Yes  No

NHTSA Previously Contacted?  Yes  No

### APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)

Crash:  Yes  No

Fire:  Yes  No

Number of Persons Injured: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Fatalities: \_\_\_\_\_

Reported to Manufacturer:  Yes  No

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies):  
**Front end was loose and wobbling. Loss of steering would have occurred if left unrepaired.**

Continue on back.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to a49 U.S.C. Chapter 301. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.