



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 SPRINGVILLE

State CA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address

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 or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 6/7/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side  
JH4UA2552V

Make ACURA

Model 2.5TL

Model Year 1997

Date Purchased 15-MAY-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number  
FRESNO ACURA, PHIL

Engine: No: Cylinders 5

Fuel Type: Gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City FRESNO

State CA

Zip Code

Transmission Type AUTOMATIC

Antilock Brakes  
 Cruise Control

Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code  
110000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 18-MAY-2005

Failure Mileage 01000

Failure Speed 0.0

FUSE 12, DOOR LOCK CIRCUIT

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: DOTM1A9A3C036)

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

Number of Deaths

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).

DT: A HEAVY RAIN THE NIGHT BEFORE. CAR WAS PARKED IN DRIVEWAY CALLER GOT UP AND WENT TO GET IN CAR AND FOUND THE DRIVER'S SIDE DOOR, DRIVER SIDE DASH, AND DRIVER SIDE SEAT BURNED, AND THE FLOORBOARD WAS DAMAGED BY DRIPPING PLASTIC. THE ONLY HOT WIRE WAS IN THE DOOR LOCKING MECHANISM. FIRE WOULD NOT HAVE HAPPENED IF THERE WAS A FUSE OPERATIONAL IN THE CIRCUIT. THE BATTERY WAS ALMOST BRAND NEW, AND IT WAS ALMOST DEAD. CALLER STATED THE ONLY REASON THE FIRE DIED OUT BECAUSE IT RAN OUT OF OXYGEN. DEALER HAS NOT BEEN CALLED. MANUFACTURER WAS CALLED, AND HAS NOT RETURNED THE CALL. ALSO, CALLER INDICATED THE DOOR LOCK MADE A NOISE EVEN AFTER THE DOORS WERE LOCKED BUT NOT ALL THE TIME. \*AK DAMAGE INSPECTED BY FRESNO ACURA DEALER, ACURA CORP. ACURA BODY SHOP AND GMAC INSURANCE APPRAISER. BODY SHOP AND GMAC CONSIDER CAR UNREPAIRABLE.

Include, if available, Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) 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.

