



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
(1-888-327-4238)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

POUGHKEEPSIE

State NY

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 / /

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

6TBBT4416Y

Make

TOYOTA

Model

TUNDRA

Model Year

2000

Date Purchased
01-MAR-00Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
WAPPINGERS FALLS TOYOTA 800-850-8351Engine:
No. Cylinders 8Fuel Type:
GasOriginal Owner
☒Dealer's City
WAPPINGERS FALLSState
NY

Zip Code

Transmission Type
AUTOMATIC☐ Antilock Brakes
☒ Cruise ControlPowertrain
4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

151300 SEAT BELTS:FRONT:RETRACTOR

Multiple Failure: 2

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
24-MAY-2005

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/B5R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM18ABC036)

☐ 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

(If a crash is fatal, the incident is a fire, or a crash, fire, or injury is reported)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

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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: CONTACT STATED WHEN FACING UPHILL IN THE VEHICLE THE PASSENGER SEAT BELT RETRACTOR LOCKS INTO PLACE AND SEAT BELT CANNOT BE PUT ON. THE MANUFACTURER STATED THAT THE SEAT BELT WAS WORKING AS DESIGNED. THE CONTACT WAS CONCERNED IF THE PASSENGER SEAT BELT WAS DESIGNED THIS WAY, WHY WERE THE OTHER SEATBELTS IN THE VEHICLE NOT DESIGNED THE SAME WAY. *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)

THE ORIGINAL SEAT BELT DID NOT EXHIBIT THIS PROBLEM. IT HAD THE OPPOSITE PROBLEM IN THAT IT WOULD NOT RETRACT AND PASSENGERS WOULD TYPICALLY CLOSE THE DOOR ON THE SEAT BELT DUE TO IT HANGING AND NOT RETRACTING. PREVIOUS REPLACEMENT SEAT BELTS HAVE HAD VARIOUS DEGREES OF THE CURRENT PROBLEM WITH THE LATEST SEAT BELT BEING THE WORST.

THE CURRENT "DESIGN" CREATES SITUATIONS WHERE THE VEHICLE MUST BE DRIVEN ILLEGALLY (SEATBELT LAW) AND UNSAFELY (PASSENGER NOT ASKED TO UNLATCH BELT) UNTIL A SUITABLE LOCATION IS FOUND.

THE TOWNA REP INSPECTED THE BELT AND VERBALLY STATED IT WAS NOT FUNCTIONING ANYWAY. THEN HE FOUND ANOTHER SIMILAR VEHICLE WITH THE SAME PROBLEM AND REVERSED HIS POSITION BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT IF TWO VEHICLES BEHAVE SIMILARLY, THEY MUST BE DESIGNED THAT WAY.

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Washington, D.C. 20590

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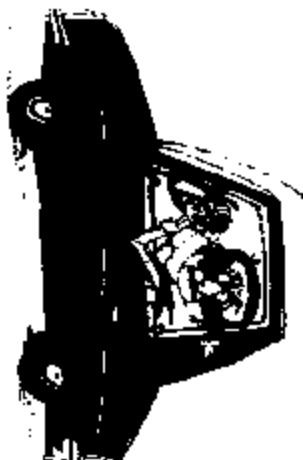
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