



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
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City TUCSON State AZ Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]
Evening 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 authorized signature, please print your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 11/7/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 4F4CR12A8S1 [REDACTED]
Make MAZDA Model B2300 Model Year 1995
Date Purchased 01-JUN-95 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number [REDACTED] Engine: No: Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner Dealer's City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]
Transmission Type Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE
Vehicle Component Code 071110 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY:FILLER
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 02-SEP-2005 Failure Mileage 59000 Failure Speed [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) [REDACTED]
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) [REDACTED] Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]
Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]
Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] 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).

DT: THE CONTACT OWNS A 1995 MAZDA B-2300 PICK-UP. WHILE FILLING THE GAS TANK HE NOTICED GASOLINE LEAKING ONTO THE GROUND UNDERNEATH THE TRUCK. UPON INSPECTION OF THE VEHICLE IT WAS DETERMINED THAT FUEL TANK FILLER PIPE CRACKED AND WAS CAUSING THE GASOLINE TO LEAK ONTO THE GROUND. DUE TO THE HEAT AND DRYNESS IN THIS AREA IT WOULD CAUSE THE PLASTIC TO CRACK. THE SERVICE DEALER STATED THIS FILLER PIPE NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THE MANUFACTURER STATED THEY COULD NOT DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS PROBLEM. *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 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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BASED ON THE COST OF THE REPLACEMENT PART, A 3 FT. LENGTH OF PLASTIC PIPE WHICH THE LOCAL MAZDA DEALER QUOTED AT \$350.00, AND I FIND DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE COST MORE THAN \$10.00 TO MANUFACTURE, I SUSPECT THE FOLLOWING:

MAZDA USED PLASTIC INSTEAD OF METAL KNOWING THAT THE PLASTIC WOULD BECOME BRITTLE AND CRACK WITH AGE. THE MATERIAL WAS DESIGNED TO LAST 10+ YEARS IN ORDER TO BEAT THE NHTSA 10 YEAR LIMITATION OF THE MANUFACTURERS LIABILITY FOR REPLACEMENT COST IN THE EVENT OF A RECALL. CONSIDERING THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES MANUFACTURED WITH THIS PART, MAZDA'S LITTLE TRICK SHOULD GENERATE ENORMOUS PROFITS FOR THE COMPANY.

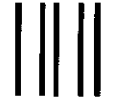
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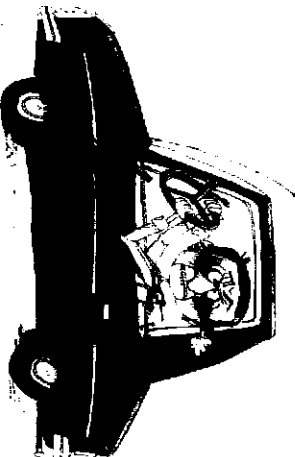
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