



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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Date Received

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Reference No.

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Apt. No.

Daytime Telephone Number

City
MADISON

State
WI

Zip Code

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

Date

PRODUCT INFORMATION

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

W B A D K 7 3 0 8 0 7

Make

BMW

Model

528e

Year

1983

Purchased Date

1984

Dealer's Name

DETILLO

Engine Size

(CID/CC/L)

☐ Turbo

☐ Diesel

☐ Gas

☐ Fuel Injection

☐ New ☒ Used

Dealer's City

CHICAGO

State

IL

Zip Code

No. Cylinders

6

Manufacture Date
(on driver's door or pillar)

car UNKNOWN
destroyed

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)

spontaneous fire CAR
burned up

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

0

Number of Fatalities

0

Reported to Manufacturer

☒ Yes ☐ No

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Oct '04 my BMW had a spontaneous fire & was totally destroyed. I had owned the car for 20+ years. It was in excellent condition - no rust, no mechanical problems, other than broken windows. The car was always garaged - smooth running - engine perfect and I had "collector's" plates on the car. Oct '04 I backed the car out of its underground heated stall in my condo building - it did not smell right - I pulled back in the stall and noticed a fire under the dash. I was unsuccessful in putting out the fire and called the fire department. When they arrived and eventually got the fire out, they suggested the burnt condo building. They pushed the car onto to Country Club grounds. The fireman said there was gas (like for the car) in the building.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to 49 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.

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in the basement where the fire occurred. After the burned out auto was removed from the garage, I called an auto junk dealer, who I paid to have the BMW away. I had no insurance, other than liability. The car was a total loss. In June 2005 FNN had a program on spontaneous fires in autos. After I viewed this program I sent an email to BMW with a copy to Sen. Mikulski. I wanted BMW to replace my car. They did not. They suggested their engineers examine the car but it was already smashed by the auto junkie. BMW + myself are at an impasse. I feel fortunate that we avoided a catastrophe, as this whole building could have blown up.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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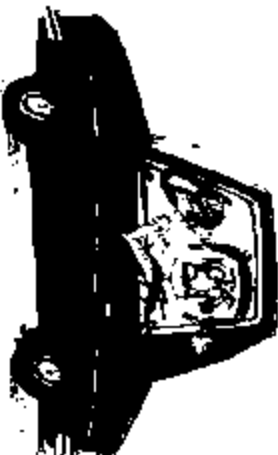
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