



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: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: **PEMBROKE PINES** State: **FL** Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]  
Evening Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Do you authorize NHTSA to contact the manufacturer of your vehicle?  
In the absence of a signature or address to the vehicle manufacturer:  YES  NO  
Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: **2/12/06**

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side  
**WVWRE2**

Make: **UNKNOWN MANUFACTURER MINI** Model: **UNKNOWN MANUFACTURER COOPER S** Model Year: **2006**

Date Purchased: **05-SEP-05** Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: **LAUDERDALE MINI 954-335-6464** Engine: **No: Cylinders 4** Fuel Type: **Gas**

Original Owner:  Dealer's City: **FORT LAUDERDALE** State: **FL** Zip Code: **33318**

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): **15-OCT-2005** Failure Mileage: **180** Failure Speed: **15-25**

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make: [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number): [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R16): [REDACTED]

DOT No. (Example: DOTM18ABC036): [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: **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\*: THE CONTACT OWNS A 2006 MINI COOPER MODEL S. THE VEHICLE STALLED AND OPERATED AT A REDUCED SPEED WHILE ATTEMPTING TO ACCELERATE. ALTHOUGH THE VEHICLE DID NOT STALL OUT COMPLETELY, THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER. THE DEALER REPROGRAMMED THE COMPUTER SOFTWARE. AFTERWARDS, THE CONTACT WAS PULLING INTO A PARKING SPACE WITH BRAKE PRESSURE APPLIED, THE ENGINE ROARED AND THE VEHICLE LURCHED FORWARD AND STRUCK A TREE. THE POLICE WERE ON THE SCENE AND A REPORT WAS TAKEN. THE VEHICLE SUSTAINED MINOR DAMAGE, BUT NO INJURIES WERE SUSTAINED. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO A DEALER. THE DEALER PERFORMED A DIAGNOSTIC TEST AND WAS UNABLE TO DUPLICATE THE PROBLEM. THE SERVICE DEPARTMENT SUGGESTED REPLACING THE ENGINE.

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(les)**

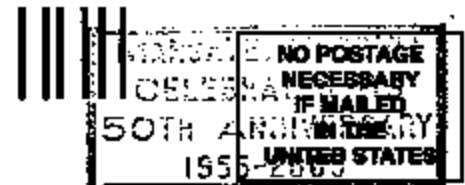
At 130 miles (3 days old) EML light turns on w/ check engine light + lost all engine power - took to dealer  
dealer said "its a common problem" + reprogrammed computer. next day @ 180 miles (4 days old)  
my fiancé + I drove to Costco - she being the driver - as we pulled into the parking space  
the throttle accelerated fully. the mini hopped the curb + hit a tree. thank God  
there wasn't a child or person walking between the car + tree. the car was towed  
to BMW + entire front end needed to be replaced, + a whole new engine was replaced  
and by the way air bags never deployed. BMW said they were going to look into the problem  
after everything was fixed + replaced, of course everything will come out negative. the  
took 4 months to fix + diagnose. once I got the car back next day had to take it back to fix  
bearings. the car does not ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY DRIVE THE SAID AT ALL. SO  
I TRADED THE CAR IN @ 407 miles FOR A HONDA. I DID NOT FEEL SAFE IN THAT CAR.  
LAST THING I NEED IS TO HURT OF OR SOMETHING WORSE TO SOMEONE OR MYSELF.

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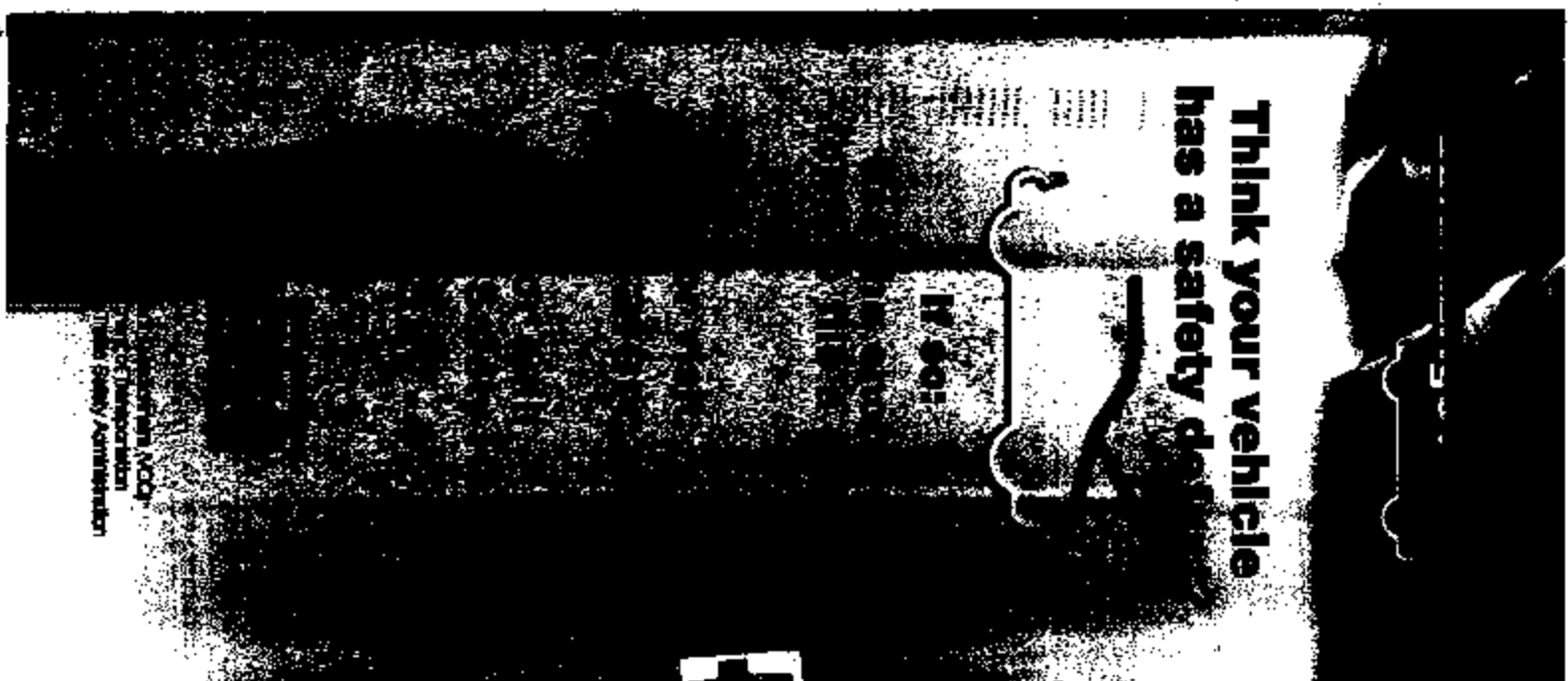


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