



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: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: COCKEYSVILLE State: MD Zip Code: [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: 04/03/06

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: WAUDC68D61A [REDACTED]  
Make: AUDI Model: A4 Model Year: 2001  
Date Purchased: 01-APR-01 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: TISCHER AUTOMOTIVE UNKNOWN Engine: No: Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: SILVER SPRING State: MD Zip Code: [REDACTED]  
Transmission Type:  Antilock Brakes Powertrain: ALL WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code: 061000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE  
~~AUTOMATIC~~ Manual  Cruise Control Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s): 27-APR-2006 Failure Mileage: 85000 Failure Speed: 50

**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(es).)

Crash:  Yes  No Fire:  Yes  No  
Number of Persons Injured: 0 Number of Deaths: 0

**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 STATED WHILE DRIVING 50MPH ON THE INTERSTATE, THERE WAS A POPPING NOISE FROM THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT FOLLOWED BY A LOST OF ALL POWER. THE CONTACT MANAGED TO PULL OVER WITHOUT INCIDENT. THE ENGINE WOULD NOT RESTART AND THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER FOR INSPECTION. THE DEALER DETERMINED THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE ENGINE AND WAS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY WHAT CAUSED THE HOLE, HOWEVER A NEW ENGINE REPLACEMENT WAS SUGGESTED NECESSARY.

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.

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

While driving at highway speed, the oil warning sounded. I pulled off the road and checked the oil level. It showed a full oil level. I continued driving. The oil warning sounded again. I then heard a 'pop' or muffled explosion. Smoke poured from my car and it lost all power. I was forced to drift through 3 lanes of rush hour traffic to reach safety. The car was towed to an Audi dealership. The dealer's service department informed me that the engine blasted a hole through itself and that no oil had circulated through the engine. He refused to say the cause of the failure, but told me that the engine is ruined. I have since found that this model has had several faults, including failed oil circulation. There are TSBs on this issue.

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**Think your vehicle has a safety defect?**



**If so:**

**Use the enclosed form to file a report.**

**or visit:**

**www.safercar.gov**

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