

 <p><b>DOT Auto Safety Hotline</b>  <b>Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire</b>          TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT          1-888-DASH-2-DOT          (1-888-327-4236)          INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov</p>	<p><b>FOR AGENCY USE ONLY</b></p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%;">Date Received  2006 JUL 18 AM 8:30</td> <td style="width:30%;">Od_or ___ rt_dt ___ od_pt ___ up_ltr ___</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2">Reference No.  10163678</td> </tr> </table>	Date Received  2006 JUL 18 AM 8:30	Od_or ___ rt_dt ___ od_pt ___ up_ltr ___	Reference No.  10163678	
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)			
Name	[Redacted]		
Street	[Redacted]		Apt. No.
City	State	Zip Code	Daytime Telephone Number
Rochester	NY	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of this authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.			
Signature of Owner [Redacted]			Date 7/10/06

PRODUCT INFORMATION			
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN.) (17 Digits) 1YVGF22C515 [Redacted]	Make Mazda	Model 626	Year 2001
Purchased Date 8-5-02	Dealer's Name Dorschel Automotive Group		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.4
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's City Rochester	State NY	Zip Code 14623
Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar) 02/01/01	Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Bag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Seat Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Child Seat	No. Cylinders 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
Drivetrain <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel			

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION			
Part Name(s) Transmission	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE			
Tire Brand	Tire Name	Complete Tire Size	
No. of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) Available?	NHTSA Previously Contacted?
	Mileage at Failure(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)		

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION				
(Please describe in detail the Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)				
Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Reported to Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

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

Major transmission failure due to inadequately seized transmission for the specific vehicle. This has been documented by manufacturer and manufacturer has failed to notify vehicle owners (see enclosed)

If the transmission were to fail at high speed, there could have been potential catastrophic consequences due to engine seizing and subsequent loss of steering & braking ability.

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**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 maybe used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the 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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## Mazda 626 (and Ford Probe) Defect

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**1994 - 2002 Mazda 626, 4 cylinder**  
(with Ford model CD4E transmission)

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If you are planning on buying a 626 don't do it. If you already have one chances are that your transmission v fail.

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If your transmission has failed after Mazda inspected your car and told you the transmission is good, contac your states attorney general and file a complaint. These trannies will repeatedly fail especially after highway driving.

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**Some of the signs to look for are: transmission overheating, gear damage, band damage, oil burnour low power.**

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This case can qualify as fraud, since Mazda knows that they will fail, or gross negligence. A simple search Mazda issued Service Bulletins is all the dealer needs in order to know that there is a problem.

[Chapter Two Documentation](#)

The problem is that Mazda took a Ford transmission (CD4E) meant for a smaller, lighter car and put it into th larger and heavier 626. **Mazda does know about this problem**, and (probably under pressure) issued bulle (TSB -Technical Service Bulletin) # 0500502 telling how to compensate for this problem by installing a transmission cooling kit. Mazda owners are not being told about this TSB and as a result are faced with sec or third transmission failures. To get a copy of this TSB hit Download:

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[TSB # 0500502 PDF Download](#)

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The number of failures and compliants grows every week. Almost 1/2 of the complaints to the government a for the transmissions, a very high percentage when compared to other cars. While there are many complain the NHTSA, chances are that for every one complaint filed, there are hundreds more that are not heard abo

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Anyone who had a transmission failure please visit our [forum](#) to help warn others or just to vent.

Links to NHTSA complaints (Auto Trans only):

Year	# of Transmission Complaints	Total number of Complaints
1994	141	326
1995	260	518
1996	176	363
1997	150	351
1998	140	289
1999	135	241
2000	45	117
2001	47	115
<b>Total</b>	<b>1094</b>	<b>2320</b>

Notes from others:

As a one time ASA certified master mechanic I cannot believe there wasn't a fix for the rather simple base