



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

Address

City

LAKELAND

State

FL

Zip Code

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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

2HNYD1821

Make

ACURA

Model

MDX

Model Year

2001

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

061000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:ENGINE

AUTOMATIC

☒ Cruise Control

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
10-DEC-2006

Failure Mileage
9000

Failure Speed
20

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)

☐ Original Equipment
☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location:

Tire Component Code

Tire Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

0

Number of Deaths

0

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 STATED WHILE TRAVELING 20 MPH, THE ENGINE STALLED WHEN TURNING A CORNER AND THE AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION FROZE UP IN DRIVE. THE KEY IN THE IGNITION COULD NOT BE TURNED AND THE STEERING WAS DIFFICULT TO TURN WITHOUT THE ENGINE RUNNING. THE PROBLEM WAS INTERMITTENT AND OCCURRED WHEN THE WEATHER WAS COLD. THE SERVICE DEALER HAD NOT INSPECTED THE VEHICLE BUT THE MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED.

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.

December 26, 2006

Acura Zone Hdgtrs
1500 Morrison Pkway
Alpharepta, GA 30004

Dear Sir :

My wife purchased a 2001 Acura MDX in 2000 and we have been happy with the car except for the poor quality of the range of AM radio. The extended warranty expired in October 2006.

We have an undiagnosed problem that is potentially dangerous. With the onset of cooler weather in Florida in November, the car randomly stalls when the foot is released from the accelerator. Unfortunately, the car is locked in Drive and the key is on. One can't get the car out of Drive as the key is on and can't get the key out as the car is in Drive. This also means that the power steering and power brakes are off. Eventually, wiggling the automatic transmission and or working the key back and forth the problem ceases and I can restart the car.

The car died once while making a turn and I would have hit a car if one had been in the other lane, as it is difficult to make a turn without power steering or stop quickly without power brakes. The car has died at least 6 or 7 times in cool weather when taking the foot off the accelerator, but not while at the dealer.

The Acura has a dangerous condition and is not solely mine. You can go on the Internet; namely, at "acuramdx.org" and you will find a number of MDX owners with the same problem and without any solutions. I would email Acura, but going on the web site gives no email address or a distributor address.

I am afraid to drive the car on the Interstate as a relaxation of the accelerator might cause the engine to stall, as it would be dangerous to lose power steering and power brakes at 60 – 70 mph. I could lose control or be hit while coasting with the car in Drive.

I have called and written the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration as I regard this condition dangerous.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Lakeland, FL [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]