



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

LAPORTE

State IN

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 1 / 1 /

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1J8GL58K93

Make

JEEP

Model

LIBERTY

Model Year

2002

Date Purchased
01-JUL-05

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:

No: Cylinders 4

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☐

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

021540 SUSPENSION:FRONT:CONTROL ARM:LOWER BALL JOINT

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

12-JAN-2006

Failure Mileage

25000

Failure Speed

50

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

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), and consequences.)

Crash

☒ Yes ☐ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Deaths

0

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).

TL *- THE CONTACT RECEIVED A RECALL LETTER (F23) FOR LOWER BALL JOINTS. THE JEEP LIBERTY, IN QUESTION, CRASHED AND CONTACT BELIEVES THE RECALLED PART IS THE REASON. WHILE DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 50-55 MPH THE DRIVER LOST CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE AND CRASHED INTO A TREE. THE ROAD CONDITIONS WERE DRY BUT COLD. THE DRIVER WAS INJURED DUE TO AIRBAG DEPLOYMENT. THE CONTACT WOULD LIKE IT NOTED THE PREVIOUS OWNER KEPT VEHICLE IN GARAGE. HE BELIEVES THAT THE PART BECAME FROZEN, AS THIS IS ONE OF THE POSSIBILITIES DESCRIBED IN RECALL LETTER.

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(ies)

ENCLOSED IS A PICTURE OF THE JEEP. ON THE EARLY
MORNING OF JANUARY 12 2000 IT WAS VERY COLD OUT. IT WAS
45° THE DAY BEFORE ON JAN. 11TH. 2000. WATER FROM SNOW MELTING
FROZ UP AROUND UNDER THE JEEP ON THIS WARM DAY. MORNING OF JAN. 12TH
THE JEEP WAS HARD TO STEER, WATER HAD FROZEN UP IN BALL JOINTS
AND FROZE. PAN THE JEEP INTO A TREE WITHIN A FEW MILES
FROM OUR HOME.

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DOT
NATIONAL HIGHWAY
TRAFFIC SAFETY ADM
400 7TH ST SW
WASHINGTON DC 20590

OFFICIAL BUSINESS



NO POSTAGE
NECESSARY
IF MAILED
IN THE
UNITED STATES

BUSINESS REPLY MAIL

FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO 1888 WASHINGTON DC

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

US DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION, NVS-210
400 7TH ST SW
WASHINGTON DC 20077-8214



Think your vehicle
has a safety defect?



If so:

Use the enclosed
form to file a report.

or visit:

www.safercar.gov

or call:

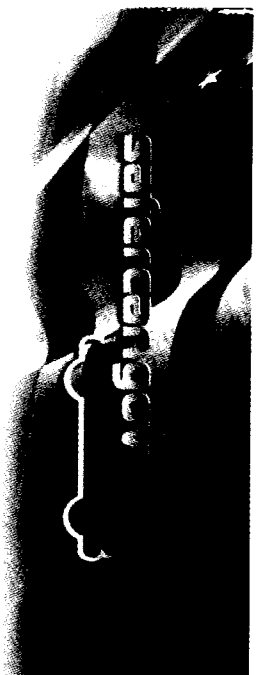
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