



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]

Daytime Telephone Number [Redacted]

E-mail Address

City MISSOULA

State MT

Zip Code [Redacted]

Evening Telephone Number [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? [X] YES [] NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [Redacted] Date 9/25/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

W.B1057300R6 [Redacted]

Make BMW

Model K SERIES

Model Year 1994

Date Purchased 10-JUL-07

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine: No: Cylinders 3

Fuel Type:

Original Owner []

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type MANUAL

[X] Antilock Brakes
[] Cruise Control

Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code 100000 POWER TRAIN

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 04-SEP-2007

Failure Mileage

Failure Speed

owners manual does NOT give info regarding care and lube for final drive splines, If not regularly lubed, they can fail, causing instant loss of motion.

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: DOTM9ABC036)

[] 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), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash [] Yes [X] No Fire [] Yes [X] No Number of Persons Injured Number of Deaths 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).

HELLO,
I OWN A 1994 BMW K75RT MOTORCYCLE.
THE COMPANY HAS BEEN AWARE OF A DESIGN FLAW IN THE SPLINE DESIGN AT BOTH ENDS OF THE DRIVE SHAFT, YET FAILS TO OFFER ANY HELP... ONLY A VERY EXPENSIVE REPAIR!
THE SPLINES ARE NOTORIOUS FOR WEARING OUT AT EITHER END - AT CLUTCH SPLINE END, OR AT FINAL DRIVE SPLINE END.
NUMEROUS OTHER OWNERS ALSO HAVE REPORTED THIS PROBLEM OVER MANY YEARS.
THERE IS EVEN TALK OF A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT ON THE "OFFICIAL" BMW 'MOTORCYCLE OWNERS OF AMERICA' WEBSITE.

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)

BMW tells owners to lube clutch splines every 40,000 miles. However, not only does the BMW lithium grease fail to last 40,000, BMW does NOT recommend regular lubing of final drive splines.

When final drive splines wear out and shear off, it causes instant loss of power to wheel, as well as new expensive parts (approx [redacted] new final drive / [redacted] new drive line), and labor (approx 3-4 hours @ [redacted] /hr).



ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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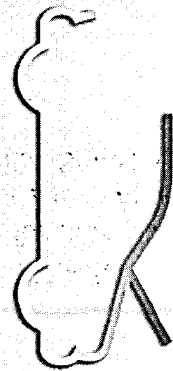
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Think your vehicle has a safety defect?



**If so:
Use the enclosed form to file a report.**

**or visit:
www.safercar.gov**

**or call:
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