



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

WESTBURY

State

NY

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
4T1BF28B14U _____

Make
TOYOTA

Model
AVALON

Model Year
2004

Date Purchased
24-MAR-04

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Engine:
No: Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:
Gas

Original Owner
☐

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type
AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes
☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain
ALL WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code
012000 STEERING: COLUMN

Multiple Failure: 12

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
13-NOV-2007

Failure Mileage
32000

Failure Speed
14

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), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

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).

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2004 TOYOTA AVALON. WHILE DRIVING 14 MPH, THE STEERING WHEEL BECAME EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO TURN. THE DEALER STATED THAT THE STEERING SHAFT FAILED DUE TO CORROSION AND THEY REPLACED THE STEERING SHAFT. THERE WERE NO FURTHER OCCURRENCES. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 32,000 AND CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 32,289.

They said this is common parts with they had the part in stock - I took the defective part to my regular mechanic who said the boot didn't keep out water and without a grease fitting in place it's a given failure.

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.