



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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10209294

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City NORTH LIBERTY

State IN

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

None

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 address the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 11/25/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1B7GL42X729

Make
DODGE

Model
DAKOTA

Model Year
2002

Date Purchased
01-OCT-03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Bought Used

Engine:

No: Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner
☒ NO

Dealer's City

So. Bend, In.

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type
AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes
☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

116000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
01-OCT-2007

Failure Mileage
40000

Failure Speed
0

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 2002 DODGE DAKOTA. WHILE CLEANING OUT THE VEHICLE, THE CONTACT WAS ABLE TO MOVE THE DRIVE GEAR SHIFT WITHOUT THE KEY IN THE IGNITION. SHE TOOK THE VEHICLE TO THE DEALER AND THEY WERE UNABLE TO DETERMINE THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURE. THE CONTACT OWNS THREE OTHER DODGE DAKOTA'S AND NONE OF THEM HAVE EXPERIENCED THIS TYPE OF FAILURE. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 40,000.

I took it to 3 other mechanics & they did not know where to start.

11/26/07 I took it to Dodge Dealer in Plymouth, In. today & they will fix it for [redacted] or may be able to use used parts cheaper. Their diagnosis is 10-12 parts broken in steering column. They said maybe before I bought it someone pulled very hard on gear shift handle or a heavy set person pulled on steering wheel too hard getting into vehicle.

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.