



U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name, Address, City (ACRON), State (OH), Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number, Evening Telephone Number, E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? [X] YES [] NO

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (JM1BK34L37), Make (MAZDA), Model (MAZDASPEED3), Model Year (2007), Date Purchased (26-JUL-07), Dealer's Name (PARK MAZDA), Engine (4 cylinders), Fuel Type (Gas), Original Owner (checked), Dealer's City (ACRON), State (OH), Zip Code, Transmission Type (MANUAL), Antilock Brakes (checked), Cruise Control (checked), Powertrain (FRONT WHEEL DRIVE), Vehicle Component Code (010000 STEERING), Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) (08-DEC-2007), Failure Mileage (8780), Failure Speed (10), Less than 10 mph. (Speedometer not calibrated below 10 mph)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make (Bridgestone), Tire Model (POTENZA RE050A), Tire Size (215/45 R18 93Y), DOT No. (DOT H4X0DCM1307), Original Equipment (checked), Failure Location (Terrible winter traction), 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 2007 MAZDA SPEED 3. WHILE DRIVING LESS THAN 10 MPH, THE VEHICLE WENT INTO A FULL SKID AND STRUCK A CURB. FIVE MILES LATER, THE VEHICLE LOST STEERING ABILITY AND THE WHEEL TURNED COMPLETELY AROUND. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO A DEALER AND THEY REPLACED THE FAILED STEERING RACK. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE DEALER WAS SELLING VEHICLES WITH SUMMER TIRES. THERE WERE NO INJURIES. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 8,800 AND FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 8,780.

I claim failure to warn about summer rated tires. Worst tires I've driven (in 48 years) front or rear drive. (New owners must be warned when they buy the car!)

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)

The cause of the failure was a slide (4 wheel) that occurred while going thru a slow but larger than normal residential ^{driveway} (rad # 2054) during the first season ice/snow storm (is 2" thick). The OEM tires are a joke for winter driving. The car hit a curb and put a ^{1/8" deep} scarp on a 2" section of the outer most rim. The steering felt funny but it was drivable. (I tested it and set up an appointment). Backing out of the driveway approx 5 miles after the accident the input shaft to the steering rack broke resulting in total loss of steering. I was fortunate

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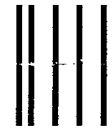
that I decided I didn't need to test it further as I debated taking it on the Xway. Total loss of steering for a minor hit on a wheel is totally unacceptable

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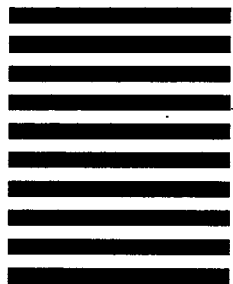
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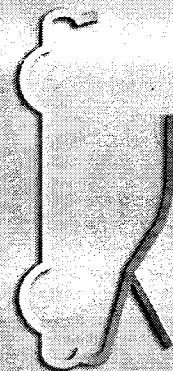
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