



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	Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address		
City FRANKLIN	State NC	Zip Code
	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 03/14/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 19UUA56643A	Make ACURA	Model TL	Model Year 2003
Date Purchased 01-NOV-06	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number ACURA CARLAND 770-813-5812		Engine: No: Cylinders 6
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City Duluth	State GA	Zip Code 30096
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	<input type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 103000 POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION
Multiple Failure: 1 (2)			

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 04-MAR-2008	Failure Mileage 95000	Failure Speed 60
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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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police N
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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 2003 ACURA TL. WHILE DRIVING 60 MPH, THE "CHECK ENGINE" AND "TCS" WARNING LIGHTS ILLUMINATED. THE TRANSMISSION SLAMMED INTO GEAR AND CAUSED THE VEHICLE TO JERK FOR APPROXIMATELY 30 SECONDS. THE VEHICLE STOPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE ROAD AND WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER. THE DEALER STATED THAT THE TRANSMISSION FAILED DUE TO GEAR BREAKAGE. THE TRANSMISSION WAS REPLACED IN THE SUMMER OF 2004 AS PART OF A RECALL. NO CAMPAIGN ID NUMBER WAS FOUND FOR THE RECALL. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE 95,000. Dealer replaced Transmission on 3/13/08. TRAVELING HOME NEW TRANSMISSION DUPLICATED SAME PROBLEM SLAMMING IN AND OUT OF GEARS, FINALLY LOCKING DOWN-SMOKE FILLED INTERIOR OF CAR AND UNDER HOOD OF CAR - THE SUDDEN SHUT DOWN OF CAR WAS DURING PEAK TRAFFIC TIME ON INTERSTATE IN ATLANTA, GA - CAUSING NEAR FATALITY. CAR IS BEING RETURNED TO DEALER FOR REPAIR.

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.