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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 BOUND BROOK, State NJ, 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? In the absence of an address, name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner, Date 4/17/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number 19UUA662, Make ACURA, Model RL, Model Year 2008, Date Purchased 16-OCT-07, Dealer's Name BRIDGEWATER ACURA, Engine: No: Cylinders 6, Fuel Type: Gas, Original Owner, Dealer's City BRIDGEWATER, State NJ, Zip Code, Transmission Type AUTOMATIC, Antilock Brakes, Cruise Control, Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE, Vehicle Component Code 190000 TIRES, Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 16-FEB-2008, Failure Mileage 2600, Failure Speed 35

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make MICHELIN, Tire Model RADIAL X, Tire Size P235/45R1793W, DOT No. B94CNKX, Original Equipment, Failure Location PASSENGER SIDE FRONT, Tire Component Code 190000 TIRES, 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 2008 ACURA RL. THE VEHICLE HAS MICHELIN RADIAL X TIRES. WHILE DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 35 MPH, THE CONTACT DROVE OVER A DEEP POTHOLE AND THE TIRE PRESSURE ICON ILLUMINATED. THE VEHICLE WAS DRIVEN TO A DEALER AND THE CONTACT DISCOVERED THAT A TIRE WAS MISSING. THE DEALER COULD NOT DETERMINE WHY THE TIRE DETACHED FROM THE VEHICLE, BUT STATED THAT THE TIRE'S DISTANCE FROM THE GROUND PLAYED A ROLE. THE TIRE SIZE WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 3,000 AND FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 2,600.

SEE NARRATIVE

TIRE MICHELIN 235/44 R17 95W DOT B94C NKX PILOT HX MAXMA

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 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 ACURA TL HAS HIGH PERFORMANCE TIRES WITH A LOW ASPECT RATIO. THIS MAKES THE TIRE VULNERABLE TO VERY FAST LOSS OF AIR PRESSURE WHEN THE VEHICLE HITS A POT HOLE. THIS TYPE OF TIRE IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS AND SHOULD NOT BE USED ON A PASSENGER VEHICLE. I WAS DRIVING AT A SLOW RATE OF SPEED WHEN I HIT A POT HOLE. SECONDS LATER THE LOW PRESSURE DASH BOARD WARNING LIGHT ILLUMINATED. I DROVE APPROXIMATELY 1 1/2 MILES TO THE DEALER. UPON ARRIVAL THERE WAS NO TIRE OR TIRE TH RM. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY PRESSURE GAUGE ON

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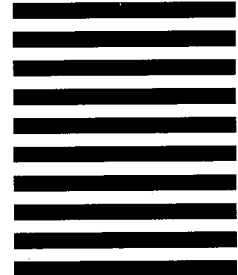
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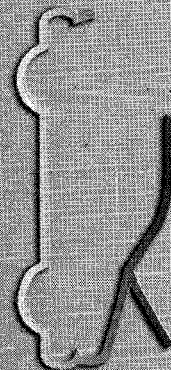
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