



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: [REDACTED]
 Address: [REDACTED]
 City: ROSAMOND State: CA Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
 Evening Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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: 1AU30303X [REDACTED]
 Make: ALFA Model: GOLD Model Year: 2006
 Date Purchased: _____ Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: ALFA Engine: _____ Fuel Type: _____
 Original Owner: Dealer's City: CHINO State: CA Zip Code: 91710
 Transmission Type: Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain: UNKNOWN Vehicle Component Code: 022000 SUSPENSION: REAR
 Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 12-APR-2008 Failure Mileage: _____ Failure Speed: 50

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: CARLISLE Tire Model (Name or Number): RADIAL TRAIL Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): ST 235/85R16
 DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): DOT 3E1L Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: 405 & 5 FREEWAYS, SILMAR, CA
 Tire Component Code: _____ Tire Failure Type: BLOWOUT

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 2006 ALFA TOY BOX (NA) RV. WHILE DRIVING BETWEEN 50-55 MPH, THE REAR DRIVER SIDE TIRE BLEW OUT. THE VEHICLE HAS THREE AXLES, BUT THE DRIVER SIDE REAR TIRE IS LESS THAN A HALF INCH APART FROM THE CENTER TIRES. WHEN THE TIRES ARE MOVING, THEY EXPAND AND THE ENTIRE UNDERCARRIAGE OF THE WHEEL WELL ON THE DRIVER SIDE WAS RIPPED OUT AND LANDED ON THE FREEWAY. THE FUELING STATION WAS BENT UPWARDS. THE CONTACT HAS THE TIRE WITH THE TREAD DETACHED. THE DEALER INFORMED THE CONTACT THAT HE WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE REPAIR COSTS. NO OTHER VEHICLE INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.

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.

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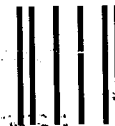
THERE WAS NO FIRE, BUT THE TIRE TREAD FLAPPING BROKE THE WELD ON THE SHEET METAL DIVIDER BETWEEN THE BACK TIRE AND THE CENTER TIRE AND RIPPED UP THE SHEET METAL BETWEEN THE BACK TIRE AND THE GASOLINE FUELING STATION, BENT THE FUELING STATION UPWARDS APPROXIMATELY 2 INCHES. GASOLINE WAS LEAKING. I AM TRYING TO FIND OUT FROM THE TIRE MANUFACTURER HOW MUCH THESE TIRES EXPAND AT 55 MILES PER HOUR CONSIDERING THE TRAILER MANUFACTURER ALFA MOUNTED THE AXELS SO THE TIRES ARE ONLY ABOUT 1/2 INCH APART. COST OF DAMAGE ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY TO BE DETERMINED.

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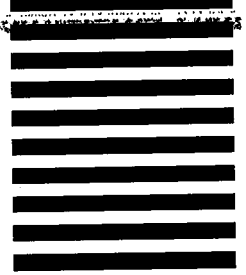


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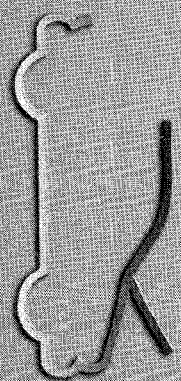
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