



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

Address

City POMPAMO BEACH

State FL

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to contact the manufacturer of your vehicle?
In the absence of a signature of owner

YES NO
your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Date 9/12/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

WD2PD64435

Make

DODGE

Model

SPRINTER

Model Year

2007

2005

Date Purchased

JULY 2005

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

ARRIGO DODGE (561)

Engine:

No: Cylinders

8?

Fuel Type:

DEISAL

Original Owner

Dealer's City

WEST PALM BEACH

State

FL

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTO

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

330000 INTERIOR LIGHTING

Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
19-AUG-2008

Failure Mileage
15000

Failure Speed
0

PARKED 24 HRS - NOT RUNNING - JUST LOADING + UNLOADING CARGO + FIRE STARTED

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 2005 DODGE SPRINTER. WHILE THE VEHICLE WAS PARKED, THE CONTACT NOTICED EXCESSIVE SMOKE INSIDE THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT. UPON FURTHER INSPECTION, HE NOTICED THAT THE REAR DRIVER'S SIDE INTERIOR LIGHTING WAS THE SOURCE OF THE FAILURE. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER AND IS IN THE PROCESS OF BEING INSPECTED. IT HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED IF THE VIN WAS INCLUDED IN NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID NUMBER 07V299000 (INTERIOR LIGHTING). THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 15,000. THE SMOKE WAS NOTICED IN THE CARGO AREA (DOORS WERE OPEN). I JUMPED IN-SIDE REAR AREA + SAW FIRE BEHIND THE CARGO LIGHT. I PUT THE FIRE OUT W/GARDIEN HOSE + OPENED DRIVERS DOOR TO POP THE HOOD. THERE WAS A LOT OF SMOKE IN THE COCK PIT ESP. UNDER THE DASH. WITH IN 2 MINUTES THE BATTERY WAS DISCONNECTED.

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.

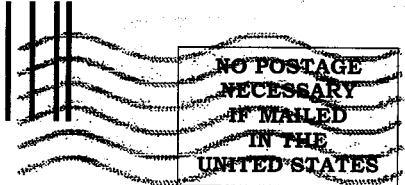
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THIS FIRE WAS AN ELECTRICAL FIRE. THE SWITCH MECHANISM USED IN THE REAR LIGHTS IS POORLY DESIGNED. IF YOU ROTATE THE SWITCH TO THE OFF POSITION (AS SET DURING INCIDENT) IT CAN LITTLARLY FALL APART. WHEN THE SWITCH FALLS APART - THE BULB & OTHER PARTS FALL DOWN BEHIND THE METAL BULK HEADS. 3 DAYS PRIOR TO FIRE ALL LITES WERE TURNED TO OFF POSITION. I BELIEVE THE POSITIVE WIRE ON THE LITE (AFTER IT FELL APART) MADE CONTACT WITH THE TRUCK BODY - THE INSULATION ON THE WIRES MELTED - UNTIL THEY GOT SO HOT, THEY (WIRES) CAUGHT ON FIRE. SO FAR 2 WIRE HARNESS ARE ORDERS 6-8 WKS. APPROX \$400⁰⁰ + \$3000 LABOR, MUCH MORE MAY BE NEEED - DONT KNOW UNTIL 1ST PHASE IS TRIED. ALL FOR A#13⁰⁰ - PART & POOR DESIGN OF A LITE SWITCH.

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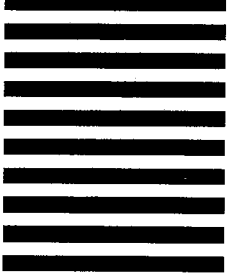
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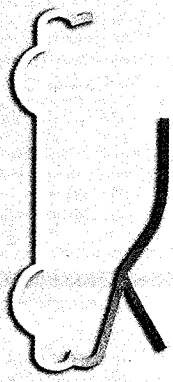
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Think your vehicle has a safety defect?



If so:
Use the enclosed form to file a report.

or visit:
www.safercar.gov

or call:
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