



DOT Auto Safety Hotline

U.S. Department  
of TransportationNational Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

## Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

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1-888-DASH-2-DOT  
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## OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

AUDOBUN

State

MN

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  
In the absence of an authorized address to the vehicle manufacturer.☒ YES☒ NO

Signature of Owner

Date 9/15/08

## VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

Make

HONDA

Model

VALKYRIE

Model Year

1997

Date Purchased

11/23/96

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

U MOTORS INC 701-332-5000

Engine:

No. Cylinders

6

Fuel Type:

GAS

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

FARGO

State

ND

Zip Code

58104

Transmission Type

STANDARD

☐ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

DRIVESHAFT

☐ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

022000-SUSPENSION:REAR

Multiple Failure:

YES

## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)  
01-APR-2004Failure Mileage  
87000Failure Speed  
60

FINAL DRIVE DOESN'T HOLD LUBE

## 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: DOTM9ABC036)

☐ 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 1997 HONDA VALKYRIE. THE DEALER REPLACED THE TIRE AND STATED THAT THE REAR SPLINE WAS DETERIORATING ON THE VEHICLE, WHICH PREVENTED IT FROM RETAINING LUBE. THE CONTACT REPLACED THE ENTIRE REAR END OF THE VEHICLE AT HIS OWN EXPENSE AT 60,000 MILES. AT 87,000 MILES, THE CONTACT REPLACED THE REAR END ONCE AGAIN AT 98,000 MILES. THE VEHICLE CURRENTLY HAS 104,000 MILES AND IS BEGINNING TO EXPERIENCE THE SAME FAILURES. THE MANUFACTURER WAS UNABLE TO ASSIST AND STATED THAT ALL THE REPAIRS WOULD BE MADE AT THE CONTACT'S EXPENSE. THE VIN WAS UNKNOWN. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 87,000.

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 Injuries**

I purchased a Honda Valkyrie in 1996. The bike was purchased new. I've had a recurring problem since September 2003. The spline doesn't hold lube. This then makes the final drive fail. I have the Valkyrie serviced routinely. The bike tires front and back are replaced between every 12,000 and 15,000 miles depending on the tire wear. I have 104,000 miles on the motorcycle so far. I have my sights set on 200,000 miles. Most everything runs like new except for the recurring problem with the rear assembly. I've had to replace the rear assembly at 60,000 miles, then 87,000 miles. I had the spline checked at 94,000 miles and it was completely dry, the spline had started to develop rust. It was re-lubed. I then had the spline checked at 98,000 miles the spline was dry and not drivable. I had the final drive replaced again. I then had the replaced spline checked at 104,000 miles which was less than a month of driving. The spline was dry and rusting.

I've paid some big bills for the repair. It cost about \$1400 per failure. I would like the bike repair so this problem doesn't reoccur. I would have assumed normal maintenance should fix this problem.

Audubon, MN

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