



OCT 22 2009
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

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148

Date Received

11-SEP-2009

Repository

Reference No.
10283636

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

SPRINGVILLE

State

TN

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

3N1AB61E88

Make

NISSAN

Model

SENTRA

Model Year

2008

Date Purchased

5-17-08

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Premier Nissan (777) 642-0601

Engine:

No: Cylinders

4

Fuel Type:

gas

Original Owner

Dealer's City

Paris

State

TN

Zip Code

38242

Transmission Type

Auto

Antilock Brakes

Cruise Control

Powertrain

Multiple Failure:

Incident Date(s)

01-AUG-2009

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Codes: 140000 AIR BAGS, 150000 SEAT BELTS

Failure Mileage

16000

Failure Speed

20

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

1

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 NISSAN SENTRA. WHILE DRIVING 20 MPH IN FOGGY WEATHER CONDITIONS, HE CRASHED INTO AN EMBANKMENT. THE VEHICLE WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED AND THE AIR BAGS FAILED TO DEPLOY. THE SEAT BELT ALSO CONSTRICTED HIS ABILITY TO MOVE AND EVENTUALLY HE WAS ABLE TO OPEN THE SEAT BELT. THE CONTACT SUFFERED INTERNAL BRUISING. THE CAUSE OF THE FAILURES WERE UNKNOWN. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 16,000.

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 Injury(ies)

Multiple horizontal lines for writing the narrative description of the incident.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY



Springville, TN

U.S. Department of Transportation

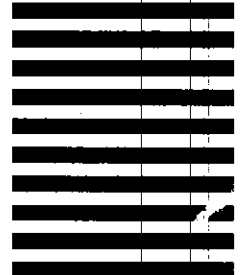
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, D.C. 20077-9382

Official Business Penalty for Private Use \$300



NO POSTAGE NECESSARY IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES



BUSINESS REPLY MAIL
FIRST-CLASS MAIL PERMIT NO. 1888 WASHINGTON, DC

POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

**US Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-210
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.
Washington, D.C. 20077-9382**



Think your vehicle has a safety defect?



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

**or visit:
www.safercar.gov**

**or call:
Vehicle Safety Hotline
888-327-4236**



Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Approximately 30 seconds after impact, the airbag deployed – while simultaneously the seat belt began to tighten. The seatbelt did not stop tightening until it broke, allowing the contact to breathe again. It broke from the floor exposing a long cable and other wires. The buckle was still attached. The seatbelt caused deep internal bruising and a sore back leaving the contact bedridden for 4 days. The air bags delayed deployment did not stop until it burst, at approximately the same time the seatbelt broke having caused damage to the sternum. Just an estimate but it felt like the period of time it took for this to happen was about 90 seconds.

