

 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	
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)					
Name		Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
Address		Evening Telephone Number			
City	State	RI	Zip Code		
MIDDLETOWN					
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		Make		Model	
1N4AL11D72C		NISSAN		ALTIMA	
Model Year		2002			
Date Purchased	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Engine:		Fuel Type:
DEC 2006	PRIVATE SELLER		No: Cylinders 4		GASOLINE
Original Owner	Dealer's City		State	Zip Code	
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes		Powertrain		Multiple Failure:
Automatic	Cruise Control				Incident Date(s)
					16-AUG-2009
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Code: 060000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING				Failure Mileage	Failure Speed
				76000	25
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	Fire	Number of Persons Injured		Number of Deaths	Reported to Police
☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No				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 2002 2.5 NISSAN ALTIMA . WHILE DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 25 MPH THE CONTACT HEARD A NOISE COMING FROM THE ENGINE. HE STATED THAT HE CONTINUED TO DRIVE THE VEHICLE TO HIS RESIDENCE WHERE THE OIL WAS CHECKED. HE ADDED OIL TO THE ENGINE AFTER HE NOTICED THAT THERE WAS NO OIL ON THE STICK. THE FAILURE HAD OCCURRED FOR NEARLY A YEAR. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT TAKEN TO AN AUTHORIZED DEALER OR LOCAL REPAIR FACILITY. THE VEHICLE CONTINUED TO USE EXCESSIVE AMOUNTS OF OIL. HE HAD TO ADD TWO QUARTS OF OIL PER WEEK. THE PREOWNED VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED IN 2007. THE CONTACT WAS UNABLE TO PROVIDE A VIN. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 76,000. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 83,000.					
THIS IS A WELL DOCUMENTED, COMMON PROBLEM WITH THESE NISSANS THAT ARE EQUIPPED WITH THE 2.5L ENGINE. HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ON THE INTERNET HAVE THE SAME COMPLAINT. NISSAN WILL NOT MAKE IT RIGHT. SOONER OR LATER AN ENGINE WILL SEIZE AND SOMEONE -					
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.					

- WILL BE KILLED IN A TRAGIC ACCIDENT ON THE HIGHWAY.
 NISSAN NEEDS TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY AND RESOLVE THIS PROBLEM
 FOR OWNERS OF THESE CARS.