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|  <p>U.S. Department of Transportation<br/>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</p>  |  | <p><b>DOT Auto Safety Hotline</b><br/><b>Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire</b><br/>To Report Vehicle Safety Defects<br/>1-888-DASH-2-DOT<br/>(1-888-327-4236)<br/>INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline</p> |  | <p>FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148</p>   |  |
| <p><b>OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)</b></p>  |  | <p>Date Received<br/>26-JUL-2011<br/>AUG 3 2011</p>  |  | <p>Repository <input type="checkbox"/><br/>Reference No.<br/>10415212</p> |  |
| <p>Name [REDACTED]<br/>Address [REDACTED]<br/>City STRAFFORD State CT Zip Code [REDACTED]</p>  |  | <p>Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]<br/>Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]</p>   |  | <p>E-mail Address [REDACTED]</p>  |  |
| <p>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).</p>   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p><b>VEHICLE INFORMATION</b></p>  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side<br/>3B7HF13YXV6 [REDACTED]</p>  |  | <p>Make<br/>DODGE</p>  |  | <p>Model<br/>RAM 1500</p>   |  |
| <p>Date Purchased [REDACTED]</p>   |  | <p>Dealer's Name and Telephone Number [REDACTED]</p>   |  | <p>Model Year<br/>1999</p>  |  |
| <p>Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/></p>   |  | <p>Dealer's City [REDACTED] State [REDACTED] Zip Code [REDACTED]</p>   |  | <p>Engine:<br/>No: Cylinders<br/>8</p>                                    |  |
| <p>Fuel Type:<br/>6-A3</p>   |  | <p>Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control<br/>Powertrain [REDACTED]</p>  |  | <p>Multinle Failure:<br/>Incident Date(s)<br/>17-FEB-2010</p>             |  |
| <p><b>FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION</b></p>  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>Vehicle Component Codes: 190000 TIRES, 191000 TIRES: TREAD/BELT</p>   |  |  |  | <p>Failure Mileage<br/>54000</p>  |  |
| <p>Failure Speed<br/>45</p>  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p><b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE</b></p>   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>Tire Make<br/>TOYO</p>  |  | <p>Tire Model (Name or Number)<br/>UNKNOWN Terra Grapple</p>   |  | <p>Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)<br/>285/75R16</p>                       |  |
| <p>DOT No. (Example: DOTM9ABC036)</p>  |  | <p><input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair</p>   |  | <p>Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE FRONT</p>                             |  |
| <p>Tire Component Code<br/>191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT</p>   |  |  |  | <p>Tire Failure Type: BLOWOUT</p>   |  |
| <p><b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE</b></p>   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>Make:</p>   |  | <p>Date Manufactured:</p>  |  | <p>Model No./Name:</p>  |  |
| <p>Seat Type:</p>  |  | <p>Installation System:</p>  |  | <p>Child Seat Component Code:</p>   |  |
| <p>Failed Part:</p>  |  | <p><b>APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION</b><br/>(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)</p>   |  |   |  |
| <p>Crash<br/><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>   |  | <p>Fire<br/><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p>  |  | <p>Number of Persons Injured<br/>1</p>                                    |  |
| <p>Number of Deaths<br/>0</p>  |  | <p>Reported to Police<br/>Y</p>  |  |   |  |
| <p><b>Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).</b><br/>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).</p>  |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>TL* THE CONTACT OWNED A 1999 DODGE RAM 1500 EQUIPPED WITH TOYO NETO ALL TERRAIN TIRES SIZE 285/75/R16. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE TREAD SEPARATED ON ALL FOUR TIRES. WHIE DRIVING 45 MPH, THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE TIRE BLEW OUT AND THE CONTACT LOST CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE. AS A RESULT, THE VEHICLE CRASHED INTO A TREE. THE VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED AND ONE INJURY WAS REPORTED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE AND THE CONTACT WAS ADVISED TO SEND IN ONE OF THE TIRES FOR INSPECTION. THE DOT NUMER AND VIN WERE UNAVAILABLE. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 54,000. THE VIN WAS UNAVAILABLE.</p> |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice; ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY</p>   |  |  |  |   |  |
| <p>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.</p>  |  |  |  |   |  |

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

4 Tires blew out in a span of 6 mo. The last tire that blew out caused my truck to go off the road and into a tree, The truck was beyond repair. Each time a tire blew they gave me a replacement and that one blew as well. I was almost killed, someone needs to put a stop to the tire manufactures before some one is killed

Nitto Terra grapper 285/175/R16

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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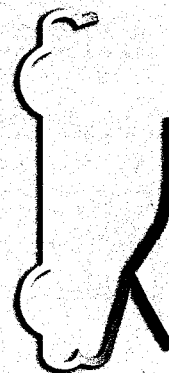
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If so:  
Use the enclosed form to file a report.

or visit:  
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