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 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(6) 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 18-OCT-2012		Repository <input type="checkbox"/> Reference No. 10480976							
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)													
Name		Address		City		State		Zip Code		Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
FALL RIVER		MA		MA		MA							
<i>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).</i>													
VEHICLE INFORMATION													
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side WBAAM3343YF				Make BMW		Model 323i		Model Year 2000					
Date Purchased		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number				Engine: <u>L6</u>		Fuel Type: <u>91+</u>					
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>		Dealer's City		State		Zip Code							
Transmission Type <u>Auto</u>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control		Powertrain		Multiple Failure:		Incident Date(s) 16-OCT-2012					
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION													
Vehicle Component Code: 140000 AIR BAGS								Failure Mileage 198000		Failure Speed 65			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE													
Tire Make <u>Yokohama</u>		Tire Model (Name or Number)				Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) <u>225/50/16</u>							
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair		Failure Location: <u>Front 3 Left Rear</u>									
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 <i>(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)</i>													
Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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 2000 BMW 323I. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE TRAVELING 65 MPH, THE VEHICLE TRAVELED OVER A POT HOLE AND THE SIDE AIR BAGS DEPLOYED HAPHAZARDLY. THE CONTACT REFERENCED NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID NUMBER: 02V223000 (AIR BAGS: SIDE WINDOW) BUT WAS TOLD BY THE MANUFACTURER THAT THE RECALL WAS CLOSED AND THAT THE VEHICLE WAS NEVER INCLUDED IN THE RECALL CAMPAIGN. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT REPAIRED. THE VIN WAS NOT AVAILABLE. THE FAILURE AND THE CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 198,000.													
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)

I was traveling down ~~the~~ Rt. 24 in ^{MA} around 7:15 going 65 miles per hour. I was in the far left lane when I made contact with a pothole on the left side. When this occurred it took chunks out of both left side alloy wheels and made my air bags deploy. It was very scary, I swerved all over the place and not to mention it was raining (very heavy). It also blew my two left side tires out. I had to call Triple A. It was very strange that my front air bags deployed. It was instantly as soon as I hit the pothole. Thank you for your time and sorry if my handwriting is hard to read.

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888-327-4236

