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Dear Sirs,

My 2001 Dodge Durango was involved in an accident in 2016. I am looking for skid marks to the conformed cases of ball joint failures that you may have from NHTSA recall 04V-596.

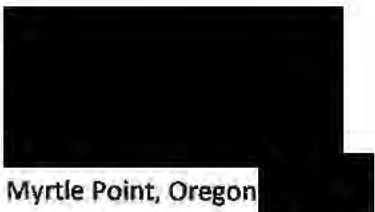
Can the skid marks on the road provide enough evidence that the recall had no part in the car accident? In other words, are skid marks 300+ feet, that are straight (veering slightly to the left), a clear indication that the ball joint did not separate or cause a malfunction in the steering/tires/breaks of the Durango? There are no visible scrape marks but then it transitions to skid scrap marks near the area of impact.

Are there skid marks, in confirmed cases of ball joint failures, I can compare these skid marks too? These would have to be skid marks where the confirmed case was traveling from speeds of 40-65 mph and the tire may or may not have completely separated.

There are photos of my front right tire separated from the ball joint and there are photos of the skid marks from my Dodge Durango should you need them.

This is a time sensitive matter due to litigation, any help you can provide would be appreciated. Please feel free to call (and leave a message) or e-mail for a quicker response.

Thank you for your time in this matter!


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