



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

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name [REDACTED]  
Address [REDACTED]  
City GREENSBORO State NC Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [REDACTED]  
Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]

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: 1N4BL11D02C2 [REDACTED]  
Make: NISSAN Model: ALTIMA Model Year: 2002  
Date Purchased: [REDACTED] Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Engine: [REDACTED] Fuel Type: [REDACTED]  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]  
Transmission Type:  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain: [REDACTED] Multiple Failure: [REDACTED] Incident Date(s): 08-SEP-2019

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Vehicle Component Codes: 162000 STRUCTURE: BODY, 130000 VISIBILITY/WIPER (PWS), 162300 STRUCTURE: BODY: DOOR  
Failure Mileage: 140000 Failure Speed: [REDACTED]

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make: [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number): [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): [REDACTED]  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): [REDACTED]  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]  
Tire Component Code: [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type: [REDACTED]

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE**

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]  
Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]  
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

**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: [REDACTED] Number of Deaths: [REDACTED] 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 CALLED ON BEHALF OF THE OWNER OF A 2002 NISSAN ALTIMA. WHILE ENTERING THE VEHICLE, THE REAR DRIVER'S SIDE DOOR HANDLE FRACTURED. THE CONTACT STATED THAT THE FRONT DRIVER'S SIDE EXTERIOR DOOR HANDLE FRACTURED. ADDITIONALLY, THE FRONT DRIVER'S SIDE WINDOW WAS ALSO INOPERABLE. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT DIAGNOSED OR REPAIRED. A DEALER WAS NOT CONTACTED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS INFORMED OF THE FAILURES. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 140,000.

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)

All handles are fractured off of the vehicle making it impossible for my mother or anyone else to enter the vehicle. Additionally, I have seen multiple vehicles (Nissan Altimas) in this area with the same exact defects with their door handles. This is a severe safety hazard for every Nissan Altima on the road. It's obviously a manufacturer defect with all Altimas. Something needs to be done right away as it's difficult to enter the vehicle.

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Use the enclosed form to file a report.

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