

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
1-888-327-4236
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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Reference No.

554551

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Street

City

Dealing Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (17 Digits)	(Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
4S1D3HR33X1152475		Beaver	Patriot	1999	13000
Purchased Date	Dealer's Name	Engine Size (CID/CC/L)		☐ Turbo	
10-23-1998	Southwest Coaches			☐ Diesel	
☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's City	State	Zip Code	No. Cylinders	☐ Gas
	Irvine	Ca	92720		☐ Fuel Injection
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drivetrain	Vehicle Type
☐ Manual	☐ Yes	☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt	☐ Yes	☐ Front	☐ Car ☐ Sport Utl
☒ Automatic	☐ No	☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt	☐ No	☐ Rear	☐ Van ☐ Truck
		☐ 3-Point Belt		☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle
					☐ Other ☐ Pickup Truck
					☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component	Part Name(s)	Location	Failed Part(s)
	tire, described below and flooring & wheel with components	☐ Left ☒ Right ☒ Front ☐ Rear	☒ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) partly Available?	NHTSA Previously Contacted?
	6-13-2000	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No
	Mileage at Failure(s)		
	12,700		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)		
	65 mph		

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

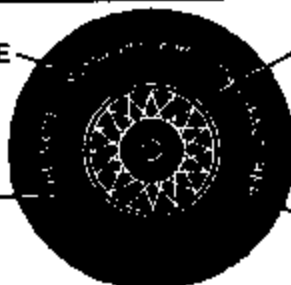
Crash	Fire	Number Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police
☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Yes ☒ No	7/2	7/2	\$10,000	☐ Yes ☒ No

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

To report defective or failed tires provide the following: DOT Number, Tire Manufacturer, Tire Name, Tire Size (include all numbers and letters).
Note: This information not required for normal operation tires.

DOT	2	7	7	9	2	9	G	R	W	13E	Manufacturer	Tire Name	Complete Tire Size
											Goodyear	G159 UniStat	275/70R22.5

TIRE SIZE

TIRE
NAMETIRE
MANUFACTURER

U.S. DOT safety standard code
The number may be on the inner side of the tire and have up to 11 letters and numbers. Usually located near rim flange on side opposite whitewall or on either side of blackwall tire.

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 administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

202-366-2122

June 30, 2000

U.S. Department of Transportation

While driving approximately 65 mph in our Beaver 40 ft. motorhome the right front tire exploded.

Approximately eight 2x15 inch pieces of tire, pieces of the flooring and other debris came into the motorhome through a hole approximately two by three feet at the top of the wheel well. The smaller debris flew as high as five feet into the motorhome.

The treads of the tire were completely gone, only a strip of approx. 3 inches wide and the cross steel wires were still attached to the wheel.

As you can see from the pictures, part of the chassis, probably the bars to which the rubber flap inside the wheelwell was attached, are completely sheered off and have not been found.

While the tire is our concern, our main worry, in case this would happen again, is that the floor of the coach is not strong enough to withstand a tire blow-out.

We have contacted Beaver Coach in Oregon, but, so far, they have told us that this was our problem. There is no warranty that covers this and they appear to not want to get involved.

After reading "Highways" a motorhoming magazine, we are wondering if this occurrence is similar to those which caused recall no. (Fleetwood Motorhomes). We also have a slide-out on our motorhome which could cause an uneven distribution of weight on the front axle.

Please, let us know of any action you may take on this matter.



3/11/00 no info in data base
per Michael
Present by Jan