



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 (Print Name)
 [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
 In the absence of an _____ name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

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Signature of Owner _____

Date 11/8/00

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN) (17 Digits) <small>(Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)</small>		Make	Model	Year
Purchased Date		Dealer's Name		Engine Size (CID/CCL)
Dealer's City		State	Zip Code	No. Cylinders
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drivetrain <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel
Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar)	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection	

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Name(s)	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	Handicap Adaptive Equip <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand <u>FIRESTONE</u>	Tire Name <u>AFFINITY TOURING T&E</u>	Complete Tire Size <u>P215/60R15 95T MS</u>
No. of Failures <u>①</u>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>4/18/00</u>	Mileage at Failure(s) <u>14,500</u>
Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>65-70 MPH</u>	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured <u>0</u>	Number of Fatalities <u>0</u>	Reported to Manufacturer <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). ON CROSS COUNTRY TRIP FROM MASS. TO CO. NV. ON 4/18/00 I HAD A TOTAL THREE FAILURE ON A RIGHT REAR TIRE ON MY 1998 CHRYSLER MALIBU THIS WAS ON I-40 APPROX 60-70 MILES WEST OF ALBUQUERQUE NEW MEXICO. THE TIRE HAD A SEPARATION OF ITS TREAD AND CAME OFF THE RIM IT CAUSED THE VEHICLE TO ALMOST TIP OVER AND GO OFF THE ROAD. NO INJURYS INVOLVED OR DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE BUT A TOTAL LOSS OF THE TIRE ONLY SMALL

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The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to a49 U.S.C. Chapter 301. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If 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.

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Sections Still Attached To The Rim.

The Time of Day Was Mid Afternoon with High Road Temps Around 90°. Nothing was felt as a impact with the tire on vehicle only the fact that the tire separated and came off the rim and almost caused the vehicle to tip over at Highway speeds 65-70 MPH with the flow of traffic.

Tire Info (Fine Stone Towing 1-2 DOT W2MW (14,500 miles) (AFFINITY) (215/60R15 95T M5)

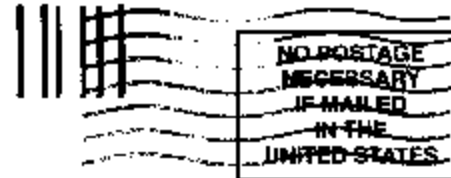
ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

400 Seventh St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20590

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