

U.S. Department  
of TransportationNational Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**POSTED**

**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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Reference No.

## OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

560947

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 3/18/2001

## PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN) (17 Digits)		(Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)		Make	Model	Year
				Bmw	M3	1997
Purchased Date	Dealer's Name		Engine Size (CID/CC/L)		<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo	
3/2000	Bmw Center				<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel	
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's City		State	Zip Code	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas	
	San Antonio		TX		<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection	
Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar)	Transmission Type	Restraint System		Cruise Control	Drivetrain	Vehicle Type
	<input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorhol <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	<input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other
Body Style						
<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other						

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

Part Name(s)	Location	Failed Part(s)	Handicap Adaptive Equip
tire	<input type="checkbox"/> Left <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Original <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

## TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand	Tire Name	Complete Tire Size
Bridgestone	Potenza RE73D	245/40ZR17BW
No. of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) Available?
2	Aug 2000 & Feb 2001	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s)	NHTSA Previously Contacted?
	75mph - 80mph	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)	
	75mph - 80mph	

## APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

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

Crash	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Reported to Manufacturer
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	0	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Bought a set of tires from Firestone, had them installed. Picked up the car at 7:00 pm to go to Houston. We were driving to Houston around 1:30 am and had a blow out going approximately 75-80 mph. The blow out was on the right rear tire. We lost control of vehicle and spun around 3 times before we landed going to the opposite direction on a grassy median.

Continue on back.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to 49 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.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Their were extensive damage done to the under carriage plus front bumper. No injuries were sustained except for our nerves being shaken. this tire was 5 hours old.

2) Second incident was same side (right rear) tire had a bubble and blow out occurred as we were turning a corner. The was the replacement tire. this tire was 6 months old.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

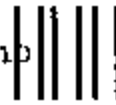
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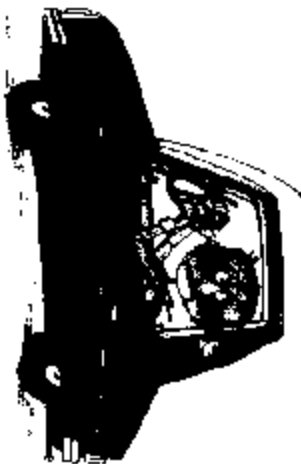
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