

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational 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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OFFICE
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Dealing Telephone Number

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Street No.

Apt. No.

City

State

Zip Code

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Zip Code

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO
In the absence of an authorized agent, NHTSA will mail a copy of this report to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 12/29/02

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN.)
(17 Digits)(Located at bottom of
windshield on driver's side)

Make

Model

Year

19UUA5646XA018885

Acura

TL

1999

Purchased Date

Dealer's Name

Engine Size

☐ Turbo

1/99

Suburban Acura

(CID/CCL) 3.2

☐ Diesel☒ New ☐ Used

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

No. Cylinders

☐ Gas ☒ Fuel InjectionManufacture Date
(on driver's door or pillar)

Transmission Type

Restraint System

Cruise Control

Drivetrain

Vehicle Type

Body Style

1/99

☐ Manual☒ Overhead Air Bag☐ Motorized☒ Yes☒ Front☒ Car☐ Sport Utility☐ 2-Door ☒ 4-Door☒ Automatic☒ Passenger-side Air Bag☐ 2-Point Belt☐ No☐ Rear☐ Van☐ Truck☐ Station wagon☐ 3-Point Belt☐ 4-Wheel☐ Minivan☐ Motorcycle☐ Pick Up Truck☐ Other☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Name(s)

Location

Failed Part(s)

Handicap Adaptive Equip

☐ Left☐ Right☐ Original☐ Yes☐ Front☐ Rear☐ Replacement☐ No

TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand

Tire Name

Complete Tire Size

DOT No.

No. of Failures

Date(s) of Failure(s)

Mileage at Failure(s)

Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)

Failed Part(s)

Available?

NHTSA Previously

Contacted?

☐ Yes ☐ No☐ Yes ☐ No

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

☐ Yes ☒ No☐ Yes ☒ No☒ Yes ☐ No

Narrative

I have owned my 1999 Acura 3.2TL now for about 3 years. In this time, there have been dozens of incidents where when I exited my car the seatbelt caught on the drivers seat adjuster causing the seat to completely recline. Once the seat belt gets caught, the seat continues to recline, even if the belt is pulled off the seat adjuster. This was a minor inconvenience. The major concern, however, was when driving 55mph (10 miles after leaving home) the seatbelt somehow caught on my seat adjuster and completely reclined while I was driving. Needless to say, I pulled over immediately, got out of the car and readjusted the seat. This happened on two separate occasions while driving.

I feel that the relationship between the position of the seatbelt and the seat adjuster is a major safety concern. The seatbelt should not so easily and frequently get caught on the seat adjuster. The other concern is the fact that once the seatbelt is caught on the seat adjuster, it will not stop reclining the seat until the seat is completely reclined. Once the seatbelt is pulled off the seat adjuster, the seat adjuster should stop reclining the seat. The fact that my seat reclined on two separate occasions while driving 55mph is of great concern.

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