

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Reference No.

717741

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

Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (located at front of windshield on drivers side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1B7KF2362WJ187442	DODGE TRUCK	RAM	1998	

Purchase Date 01-FEB-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>5.9L</u>	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☒ New ☐ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☒ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☒ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 03250000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:ANTI-SKID SYSTEM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 7	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>20-MAR-1998</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>1665</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>55</u>	Failed Part(s) Available? ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

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

Crash ☐ Yes ☐ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured <u>0</u>	Number of Fatalities <u>0</u>	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE BRAKES PULL TO THE RIGHT WHEN APPLIED CREATING A VERY DANGEROUS DRIVING HAZZARD. THE TRUCK HAS BEEN TO THREE DIFFERENT DODGE DEALERS IN A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) TIMES IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A SATISFACTORY REPAIR. THE DEALERS HAVE DONE STEERING ALIGNMENT AND REPLACE BRAKE PARTS ON MANY OCCAUSIONS. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM IS A FACTORY DESIGN DEFICIENCY WHICH IS NOT REPAIRABLE AT THE DEALER LEVEL. DODGE SHOULD BE FORCED TO REDESIGN THE FRONT BRAKE - STEERING SYSTEM TO CORRECT THIS PROBLEM IN A NATIONWIDE RECALL. THIS PROBLEM HAS BECOME A JOKE IN THE AUTOMOTIVE INDUSTRY. THE DOT SHOULD PROCEED TO FORCE DODGE TO REDESIGN THE BRAKE SYSTEM AND CORRECT THE PROBLEM. THIS BRAKE PULL PROBLEM IS A SERIOUS DRIVING HAZZARD WHICH CAUSES THE VEHICLE TO STEER UNEX

CONTINUED ON BACK (RELEAS)

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.