

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.

718220

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.) <small>(Listed at front of windshield or drivers side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
3B3ES47C8TT250571	DODGE	NEON	1996	

Purchase Date <b>01-MAR-1997</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ 2.0	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbell <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult. Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	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 _____
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**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 05150021	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER	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
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No. of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ 10-OCT-1998 Mileage at Failure(s) _____ 38400 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION**

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

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)**

WOULD LIKE TO ADD MY (NOW) 2 EXPERIENCES TO THE MIX OF MANY, IN REGARDS TO HEAD GASKET PROBLEMS WITH THE 1996 DODGE NEON LINE OF VEHICLES. THIS SEEMS TO BE A VERY COMMON PROBLEM, AND CHRYSLER HAS DONE NOTHING TO EASE THE COSTS OF THIS PROBLEM FOR HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF CUSTOMERS. I HAVE REPLACED THE HEAD GASKET (UNDER EXTENDED WARRANTY) TWICE NOW. THE FIRST TIME THE BLOWN HEAD GASKET CAUSED ENOUGH DAMAGE THAT THE ENTIRE ENGINE HEAD HAD TO BE REPLACED THE FIRST TIME. AS I WAS WRITING THIS, I RECEIVED A CALL FROM THE 5-STAR CHRYSLER DEALERSHIP/SERVICE SHOP WHO IS DOING THE WORK FOR A SECOND TIME NOW (THE CAR WAS ALSO PURCHASED THERE), AND FOUND OUT I WILL BE WITHOUT THE CAR FOR ANOTHER WEEK BECAUSE THIS TIME THE DAMAGE IS REQUIRING REPLACEMENT OF THE

CONTINUED ON BACK PLEASE

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.