

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

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Reference No.

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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) (Listed at front of windshield or driver's door) WVWMA63B3WE201658	Vehicle Make VOLKSWAGEN	Vehicle Model PASSAT	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-MAY-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 1.8L	☒ 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 ☐ Motorbell ☐ 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 07463000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY:BEARING:AXLE SHAFT	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-OCT-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 30000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

AT APPROX. 30,000 MILES, RIGHT FRONT WHEEL BEARING BEGAN TO INTERMITTENTLY EMIT A DRY, DRONING, WHINING SOUND. SOUND BECAME LOUDER AND MORE REGULAR OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL MONTHS. AT 37,000 MILES, TOOK VEHICLE TO DEALER FOR DIAGNOSIS. WAS INFORMED THAT THE RIGHT FRONT WHEEL BEARING WAS WORN OUT. DEALER REFUSED TO REPAIR AT THEIR EXPENSE. I DON'T FEEL THAT A WHEEL BEARING SHOULD FAIL AFTER JUST 37,000 MILES. THE OTHER THREE WHEEL BEARINGS SEEM TO BE FINE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT IF JUST ONE OF FOUR BEARINGS FAILS, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT BEARING IS DEFECTIVE. I DON'T FEEL THAT I SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COST OF THE REPAIR. *AK

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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.