

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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10-APR-2000

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Reference No.

721263

 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
3C3EL45H6VT529874	CHRYSLER	SEBRING	1997	

Purchase Date 01-APR-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>2.5L</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbell <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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"/> Sport Ult <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input 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 01400000	Part Name(s) STEERING:GEAR:RACK AND PINION	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <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) <u>03-MAR-2000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>70000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>15</u>	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)

REPORTED NOISES TO DEALERSHIP IN RIGHT TIRE AND STEERING WHEEL. THEY FIRST TOLD ME THEY COULD NOT FIND ANY PROBLEMS. TOOK IT BACK BECAUSE NOISE GOT WORSE. THEY FINALLY FOUND THAT THE STEERING RACK WAS BROKEN. THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE FIXED THE PROBLEM. ABOUT 1 1/2 WEEKS LATER WAS TURNING CORNER AT BUSY INTERSECTION. RIGHT WHEEL TURNED INWARD AND LOCKED. SPUN AROUND IN THE MIDDLE OF THE STREET. LUCKLY NO ONE WAS HURT. ALTHOUGH THEY SAY THAT THIS TIME IT WAS THE STEERING COLUMN. WE INVESTIGATED THE PART THAT WAS REPLACED AND FOUND THAT IT WAS STEERING RACK AGAIN. DEALER ADMITTED THAT THE PART INSTALLED WAS DEFECTIVE. *AK

CONTINUED ON BACK (REVERSE)

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.