

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.

723125

 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 drivers side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
3B7HC13Y0XG183858	DODGE TRUCK	RAM	1999	

Purchase Date 01-APR-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>5.2L</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 ☐ 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 06113000	Part Name(s) FUEL:FUEL TANK ASSEMBLY:TANK	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>22-MAY-2000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>17304</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>50</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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☒ Yes ☐ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I DROVE OVER SCRAP METAL ROAD DEBRIS AT NIGHT. IT BOUNCED UP AND SLASHED A 2 FOOT GASH IN THE SOFT CELL FUEL TANK, WHICH PROTRUDES AT LEAST 3 INCHES BELOW THE CHASSIS FRAME. TANK WAS NEARLY FULL AND ALL FUEL LEAKED OUT. LUCKILY, THERE WAS NO FIRE. VEHICLE WAS RENDERED INOPERABLE AND HAD TO BE TOWED TO DEALER FOR REPAIRS. I BELIEVE THIS IS A BAD DESIGN TO HAVE A SOFT CELL FUEL TANK EXPOSED AS IT IS ON THIS TRUCK. THERE SHOULD BE SOME SORT OF METAL FRAME OR BOX AROUND THE FUEL TANK TO PREVENT PUNCTURE FROM ROAD DEBRIS. THERE IS NOTHING TO PREVENT THIS FROM HAPPENING AGAIN AND POSSIBLY CAUSING A FIRE.

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.