

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.

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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.) <small>(located at bottom of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1B4GP54L2VB365526	DODGE TRUCK	GRAND CARAVA	1997	

Purchase Date <b>01-APR-1997</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 3.8L	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type	Body Style
<input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driver Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Inertial Belt <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	<input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Utl <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Station Wagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other

## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component	Part Name(s)	Location	Failed Part(s)
01340000 01310000	STEERING:POWER ASSIST:BELT STEERING:POWER ASSIST:PUMP	<input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No. of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-OCT-1998 Mileage at Failure(s) 16198 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 23	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	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	0	0		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

PART 4612894AC TENSIONER CAUSED THE FAILURE OF PART 4861322 BELT-DRY WITH A/C. THE FIRST OCCURRENCE, 10/98, RESULTED IN THE CAR COMING TO A DEAD HALT. HAD THIS OCCURRED A FEW MINUTES EARLIER, WHILE ON THE TOLLWAY, I WOULD NOT BE HERE TO WRITE ABOUT THIS. SINCE THEN, THE BATTERY FAILED 1/10/2000 (POSSIBLY RELATED) AND THE TENSIONER/BELT FAILED SOON AFTER, RESULTING IN WATER PUMP FAILURE. THE TENSIONER, BELT AND PUMP WERE REPLACED. A COWORKER ADVISED ME THAT HIS TENSIONER HAS FAILED 4 TIMES - APPROX. EVERY 15,000 MILES. MY OCCURENCES HAVE HAPPENED WITHIN SIMILAR TIMESPANS. I HAVE NO CONFIDENCE IN THE VEHICLE, AS I DREAD THE FAILURE OF THE TENSIONER WHILE ON MY DAILY COMMUTE TO WORK AT EXPRESSWAY SPEEDS. A SUDDEN STOP WITH THE FAILURE OF THE BELT IS

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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.