

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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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
1B3EJ56H3TN321619	DODGE	STRATUS	1996	

Purchase Date 01-JUL-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ 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 ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbell ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other _____ ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☒ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 05100000	Part Name(s) ENGINE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 05-SEP-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 43000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 75	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)

WE WERE DRIVING ON I-69 IN TULSA, OK ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1999, TRAVELLING ABOUT 75 MPH IN THE LEFT LANE OF TRAFFIC WHEN THE CAR SUDDENLY AND WITHOUT WARNING DOWNSHIFTED INTO SECOND GEAR. FORTUNATELY, THE TRAFFIC WAS LIGHT ON THE HIGHWAY AND WE WERE ABLE TO GET OFF WITHOUT INCIDENT. AT THAT TIME, WE HAD NO IDEA WHAT IT HAD DONE AND WERE PERPLEXED - WAS IT THE TRANSMISSION? TIRE BLOW OUT? THE CAR CONTINUED TO RUN HOWEVER BUT WOULD NOT LET US SHIFT OUT OF SECOND GEAR. WE READ OUR OWNER'S MANUAL AND LEARNED THAT WHAT HAPPENED WAS A "SAFETY FEATURE" WHEN THE COMPUTER DETECTS SOMETHING WRONG, THE CAR WILL AUTOMATICALLY "DOWNSHIFT" SO NO ADDITIONAL DAMAGE, ETC. WILL BE CAUSED! WE ALSO NOTED TO SHUT OFF THE CAR AND RESTART IT AND IT WOULD RE-SET BU

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.