

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) (located at front of windshield on drivers side) 1B3EJ46X9TN211253	Vehicle Make DODGE	Vehicle Model STRATUS	Vehicle Year 1996	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-FEB-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.4	☐ 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 05150020	Part Name(s) ENGINE GASKETS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 5	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-MAY-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) _____ 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)

I BOUGHT A 1996 DODGE STRATUS IN FEBRUARY 1997. IT HAD 16,000 MILES ON IT AND IS CONSIDERED USED. DUE TO NUMEROUS ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS I PURCHASED AN EXTENDED WARRANTY THROUGH MY CREDIT UNION TO PROTECT MYSELF FROM ONGOING REPAIRS. SINCE THAT WARRANTY HAS TAKEN EFFECT, THEY HAVE SPENT APPROXIMATELY \$3,500.00 ON REPAIRING MY VEHICLE. A MAJORITY OF THIS REPAIR WAS A CONTINUOUS OIL LEAK. I HAVE TAKEN MY CAR TO KERNERSVILLE DODGE AT LEAST 6 TIMES SINCE MAY, 1999 TO HAVE THIS OIL LEAK REPAIRED, WITH NO LUCK. THEY HAVE REPORTEDLY REPLACED THE GASKETS TWICE, THE CYLINDER HEAD ONCE (WHICH THEY TOLD ME WAS FAULTY FROM THE BEGINNING), AND THE SEALS TWICE TO STOP THIS LEAK. UNFORTUNATELY THEY WERE NOT SUCCESSFUL. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THESE REPAIRS WERE PAID FOR BY ME.

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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.