

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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12-SEP-2000

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Reference No.

731121

 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 or driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
3VWDD21C7YM465181	VOLKSWAGEN	BEETLE	2000	

Purchase Date 01-FEB-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 1.8L	☒ 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 ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other	Body Style ☐ Sport Vlt ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 07-SEP-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 8250 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 2		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)

SIDE WALL DEVELOPED A BULGE ON THE APPROXIMATELY THE SIZE OF A HALF DOLLAR. THE BULGE EXTENDED OUT APPROXIMATELY 3/4 OF AN INCH. TOOK THE TIRE TO A LOCAL GOODYEAR DEALER. GOODYEAR REPRESENTATIVE LOOKED AT THE TIRE STILL MOUNTED ON THE CAR AND CLAIMED IT WAS DUE TO ROAD HAZARD. DEALER DID NOT DISMOUNT THE TIRE OR INVESTIGATING THE ACTUAL FAILURE. WOULD ONLY DO SO IF I PURCHASED A NEW TIRE. CLAIMED IT WAS OBVIOUS ROAD HAZARD BECAUSE THE HUB CAP WOULD HAVE A CORRESPONDING DING. HUBCAP DID NOT HAVE ANY MARKS. STILL CLAIMED IT WAS CAUSED BY A ROAD HAZARD WHERE THE TIRE WAS PINCHED TO ALLOW THE OVERLAPPING MATERIAL TO OPEN UP AND AIR TO SEAP OUT AND CREATE THE BULGE.*AK

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