

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.

732457

 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

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|--|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------------------|
| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) <small>(Listed at front of windshield or driver's side)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading |
| 3B3ES47C8TT232703 | DODGE | NEON | 1996 | |

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|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Purchase Date 01-MAR-1996 | Dealer's Name _____ | Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ | No. Cylinders _____ | |

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|--|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbell <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel | Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

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| Component 05150020 | Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS | Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
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| No. of Failures 3 | Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____ | Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form.)

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| Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damage | Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH THE HEAD GASKET IN MY 1996 NEON THREE TIMES. THE FIRST TIME IT WAS COVERED UNDER WARRANTY. THE SECOND TIME I HAD TO TAKE IT TO A SHOP AND HAVE IT REPAIRED COSTING ME \$450. BOTH TIMES THE CAR WAS UNDER 50,000 MILES. NOW MY CAR HAS 78,000 AND THE GASKET HAS FAILED AGAIN. I HAVE CONTACTED CHRYSLER ABOUT THE PROBLEM AND THEY ARE WELL AWARE OF IT. I HAVE FOUND A WEB SITE, NEONHEADGASKETS.ORG, AND SEEN THAT SEVERAL PEOPLE HAVE HAD HELP FROM CHRYSLER, CHRYSLER PAYING \$500 AND THE CUSTOMER PAYING \$100. BUT THE DECISION IS UP TO THE SERVICE MANAGER AND THE DISTRICT MANAGER. IT REALLY UPSETS ME THAT A RECALL HAS NOT BEEN CALLED. NOW THEY HAVE EVEN REPLACED THE OLD GASKET WITH AN UPDATED NEW ONE, WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PUT ON MY CAR YET.

CONTINUED ON BACK OF FORM

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.