



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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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>(Listed at front of windshield or drivers side)</small> JT3VN39W4S0177187	Vehicle Make TOYOTA TRUCK	Vehicle Model 4 RUNNER	Vehicle Year 1995	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-NOV-1996	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.0 LI	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Diesel
			<input type="checkbox"/> Gas
			<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection

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

Component 05150020	Par. Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Frnt <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
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No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) 20-OCT-2000	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 115960		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 55		

APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	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)

BLOWN HEAD GASKET RESULTED IN CONTAMINATION OF OIL, ENGINE FAILURE. BLOWN HEAD GASKET RESULTED IN CONTAMINATION OF OIL BY COOLANT, WHICH EVENTUALLY CAUSED ENGINE FAILURE. ENGINE NEEDS NEW SHORT BLOCK, AT COST OF \$5,200-\$6,200. TOYOTA SAYS "IT'S NOT OUR PROBLEM." HEAD GASKET REPAIRED UNDER WARRANTY AT 58,652 MILES. NOW ENGINE FAILS. HAVE LEARNED INDEPENDENTLY OF POSSIBLE COOLANT CONTAMINATION OF THE OIL AND SERIOUS DAMAGE TO ENGINE (E.G. CRANKSHAFT BEARINGS) WHEN HEAD GASKET FAILED. CUSTOMER NEVER NOTIFIED OF HEAD GASKET DEFECT OR RECALL UNTIL MINE FAILED. NEVER TOLD OF POSSIBLE DAMAGE TO ENGINE. INDEPENDENT MECHANICS HAVE ADVISED THAT THE SHORT BLOCK SHOULD HAVE BEEN REPLACED AT TIME HEAD GASKET WAS REPLACED BECAUSE OF PROBABLE COOLANT CON

CONTINUED ON BACK (SEE)

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.