



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
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INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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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 bottom of dashboard on driver's side)	Vehicle Make ACURA	Vehicle Model 2.5TL	Vehicle Year 1996	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-SEP-2098 ☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.2 No Cylinders _____ ☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag
Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____
Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☒ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 12450000	Part Name(s) INTERIOR SYSTEMS: INSTRUMENT PANEL: OTHER PART	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 6	Date(s) of Failure(s) 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)

CENTER CUP HOLDER DESIGN IS POOR. WHEN BRAKING QUICKER THAN USUAL, CUPS TIP OVER AND SPILL CONTENTS INTO THE SHIFT MECHANISM. CONTACTED ACURA AND WAS TOLD THAT THEY WILL NOTE IT FOR THE NEXT MAJOR REDESIGN. I ALMOST GOT INTO DEADLY HIGHWAY ACCIDENTS BECAUSE OF THIS AND MOST RECENTLY I ENDED DRIVING INTO A CURB AND DAMAGING MY ALLUMINUM WHEEL (DON'T KNOW IF IT IS STILL SAFE TO DRIVE WITH IT STRUCTURE STRENGTH WISE). DURING A MAINTENANCE VISIT, I FOUND OUT THAT ACURA CHANGED THE DESIGN FOR 2001 AND NEVER NOTIFIES ITS CONSUMERS. I TOLD THE DEALER ABOUT MY LAST INCIDENT WHO THEN PROCEEDED AND GAVE ME THE PRICE FROM THE SHOW ROOM CAR WHICH I THEN I ADAPTED TO MY CAR. ACURA SHOULD FESS UP TO THE PROBLEM. I WAS LUCKY NOT TO HAVE GOTTEN INTO

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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.