



U.S. Department
of Transportation
National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123
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) <small>(Located at bottom of dashboard on driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
WYWGG83AXVB014129	VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	1997	

Purchase Date 01-APR-2099	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 1.9L	<input checked="" 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	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type	Body Style
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	<input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	<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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 07200000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:STANDARD:MANUAL	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No. of Failures 7	Date(s) of Failure(s) 17-JUN-2099 Mileage at Failure(s) 41501 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <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)

THE VEHICLE IN QUESTION HAS A MANUAL TRANSMISSION WITH A LOCK-OUT FOR SELECTING REVERSE GEAR. ON OCCASION AND UNEXPECTEDLY WHEN THE TRANSMISSION IS SHIFTED INTO REVERSE THE THE TRANSMISSION REMAINS IN FORWARD FIRST GEAR. THIS HAPPENS EVEN THOUGH THE SHIFT LEVER IS DISTINCTLY IN REVERSE POSITION AND THE BACK-UP LIGHTS ARE ON. IT IS EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. THE DEALER HAS REPLACED AND ADJUSTED THE SHIFT MECHINISM MANY TIMES. THE VEHICLE NOW HAS 69,000 MILES ON IT, AND THE PROBLEM IS STILL OCCURING.*AK

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.