



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 windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
3YVBB61CQWM017219	VOLKSWAGEN	NEW BEETLE	1998	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-2000 ☐ New ☒ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.0 L No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
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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 _____ ☐ Sport Util ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☒ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 06212000 08100000	Part Name(s) FUEL-CARBURETOR:UNKNOWN TYPE:MANIFOLD:INTAKE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) Mileage at Failure(s) Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 17-JAN-2001 38900 55	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)

CAR STALLED ON BUSY INTERSTATE DUE TO AIR INTAKE FAILURE, BATTERY FAILURE PROMPTED ME TO PURCHASE A REPLACEMENT FROM MY ASE CERTIFIED MECHANIC. ONCE THE REPLACEMENT WAS INSTALLED, WE DISCOVERED THE DIAGNOSTIC CONNECTOR WAS VW SPECIFIC, NOT OBD II COMPLIANT AS REQUIRED BY LAW. IN ORDER TO RESET THE COMPUTER CODES, I HAD TO TOW THE CAR TO A VW DEALER, THE ONLY PARTY WHO HAS THE VW COMPLIANT CONNECTOR. MULTIPLE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM PROBLEMS AND THE WAY THE CAR JUST DIES AT SPEED AND WITHOUT WARNING MAKE IT A VERY UNSAFE VEHICLE.

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.