



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) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
WYWMD63BXXE241597	VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	1999	

Purchase Date 01-JAN-2000 ☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.8L No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
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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 _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 03270000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:SHOE:DISC BRAKE SYSTEM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) 02-FEB-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 25000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 15	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)

I HAVE BEEN EXPERIENCING DECREASED BRAKE PERFORMANCE (SUBSTANTIAL) WHENEVER THE STREETS ARE SALTY AND WET. I RESEARCHED THIS ON THE INTERNET AND FOUND MY EXPERIENCE NOT UNCOMMON AMONG VW PASSAT OWNERS, AND APPARENTLY THE SUBJECT OF AN AUDI INVESTIGATION WHICH USES THE SAME BRAKE COMPONENTS. IT DOES NOT AFFECT PERFORMANCE WHEN DRY OR SIMPLY WET, BUT DOES WHEN 'SALTY' AND WET. IT TAKES SEVERAL BRAKING TO RESTORE ANY MEASURABLE FUNCTION IN THE BRAKES WHEN IT OCCURS. IT IS SCHEDULED TO BE SEEN BY A VW DEALER ON 2/13 FOR EVALUATION OF THIS PROBLEM.*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.