



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) <small>(Location at bottom of and/or above windshield)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
1HGCD5697TA226587	HONDA	ACCORD	1996			
Purchase Date 01-JUL-2096	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____				
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <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 07464000 05151000 12422000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY:SEAL:AXLE SHAFT ENGINE:TIMING GEAR AND CHAIN INTERIOR SYSTEMS:INSTRUMENT PANEL:GAUGE:INDICATOR:DI	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 30-SEP-2000 77000 Mileage at Failure(s) 0	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <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 Damag	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)

WHILE STOPPED AT A TRAFFICE LIGHT, THE OIL PRESSURE LIGHT STARTED FLASHING. I IMMEDIATELY PULLED INTO THE NEAREST BUSINESS I THOUGHT WOULD HAVE A MECHANIC, WHICH WAS A QUICK OIL CHANGE TYPE PLACE. OIL WAS POURING FROM MY ENGINE. SEALS AND BELTS HAD TO BE REPLACED, INCLUDING THE TIMING BELT SO THE REPAIR WAS OVER \$500. HOWEVER, MY CAR WAS STILL LEAKING OIL (WHICH IT HAD NEVER DONE BEFORE). SOON AFTER I RECEIVED HONDA'S BALANCER SHAFT SEAL RECALL INFO IN THE MAIL. THE PROBLEM DESCRIBED SEEMED TO BE PRECISELY WHAT HAPPENED TO ME. I TOOK MY CAR TO AN AUTHORIZED HONDA DEALER TO HAVE THE REPAIR INSPECTED AND TO HAVE THE OIL LEAK CHECKED OUT. I LEFT WITH ANOTHER \$250 BILL AND THE MECHANIC FELT THAT MY PROBLEM HAD NOT BEEN THE BALANCER SHAFT SEAL BECAUSE THE MECHANIC AT THE QUICK CHANGE

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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.