



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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Reference No.

741702

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)<br><small>(Locate at bottom of<br/>windshield or driver's side)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading |
| 1B3ES47Y1WD691092                                                                                | DODGE        | NEON          | 1998         |                          |

|                                                                       |                                       |                                 |                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Purchase Date<br>01-MAY-2098                                          | Dealer's Name _____                   | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) 2.0 L | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ | No Cylinders _____              |                                                                                                                                                         |

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| Transmission Type                                                     | Antilock Brakes                                                        | Restraint System                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cruise Control                                                         | Drive Train                                                                                                    | Vehicle Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Body Style                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel | <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

|                       |                                                            |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
|-----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Component<br>05150021 | Part Name(s)<br>ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER                 | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure         | Date(s) of Failure(s) _____<br>Mileage at Failure(s) _____ | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><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)

|                                                                   |                                                                             |                           |                      |                          |                                                                                           |
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| Crash<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damag | Reported to Police<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

ENGINE HEAD GASKET FAILURE AT 57,000 MILES. FACTORY CHANGED GASKET AT ASS'Y PLANTS IN LATE 1998, HOWEVER, MINE WAS BUILT IN APRIL 1998 WITH ORIGINAL FAULTY DESIGN. THIS DESIGN FLAW IS COMMON AND SHOULD TRIGGER A RECALL.\*AK

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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.