



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.

741853

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 |
| 1B3EJ46X3VN662004                                                                                | DODGE        | STRATUS       | 1997         |                          |

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| Purchase Date<br><b>01-MAR-2097</b>                                                        | Dealer's Name _____                                                                                                           | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection                                                                           |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                      | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                                                                                         | No Cylinders _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Transmission Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | Antilock Brakes<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                     | Restraint System<br><input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag                               | Cruise Control<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                            | Drive Train<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel | Vehicle Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Utl<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Body Style<br><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

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| Component<br><b>05150021</b> | Part Name(s)<br><b>ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER</b>                                    | 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<br><b>2</b>    | Date(s) of Failure(s)<br><b>16-FEB-2001</b><br>Mileage at Failure(s)<br><b>61000</b> | 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)

MY FIRST HEAD GASKET WAS REPLACED 03/26/1998. HERE IT IS THREE YEARS LATER AND IT GOES AGAIN? A CALL WAS PLACED TO CHRYSLER ON 02/28/2001, AND THEY EVEN STATED THAT THE HEAD GASKETS ARE BAD AND A NEW ONE SHOULD DO THE TRICK. WHY SHOULD I HAVE TO PAY FOR A SECOND HEAD GASKET, WHEN THE VERY FIRST ONE SHOULD HAVE LASTED THE LIFE OF THE CAR. THIS IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. TODAY, I AM SENDING A REGISTERED LETTER TO CHRYSLER AS WELL.\*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.