



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.

742418

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<br/>door)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading |
| 1B3EJ46X8VN601280                                                                                         | DODGE        | STRATUS       | 1997         |                          |

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| Purchase Date<br><b>01-MAY-2097</b>                                                        | Dealer's Name _____                                                                                                           | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) <u>2.4L</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <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 _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| 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                | Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>13-MAR-2001</u><br>Mileage at Failure(s) <u>82000</u><br>Mileage at Failure(s) <u>0</u> | 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)**

I TOOK MY CAR IN FOR SERVICE BECAUSE OF AN OIL LEAK AND WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS A FAULTY HEAD GASKET. MY REPAIR BILL TOTALS \$1400 AND CHRYSLER IS SAYING THAT THEY WILL DO NOTHING ABOUT IT. IF IT WERE STILL UNDER 50,000 MILES THEN THEY WOULD HAVE PROVIDED 'SOME TYPE OF ASSISTANCE'. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN SOMETHING IS GOING TO BE DONE ABOUT THIS. IT HAS BEEN A MAJOR PROBLEM FOR QUITE SOME TIME NOW AND SURELY THERE ARE ENOUGH INCIDENTS TO SUPPORT A MANDATORY RECALL OF THESE VEHICLES.

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.