



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side) 3VWBF61C3WM046363	Vehicle Make VOLKSWAGEN	Vehicle Model NEW BEETLE	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-AUG-1998	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 1.9	☒ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
☒ New ☐ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		No Cylinders _____	
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☐ Yes ☒ No	Restraint System ☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ 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 _____		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 10421000 11600000	Part Name(s) VISUAL SYSTEMS:GLASS:POWER WINDOW DOOR AND SIDE AIR CONDITIONER	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part's ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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 Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE WINDOW SWITCHES HAVE BROKEN TWICE. THEY WERE REPAIRED UNDER WARRANTY THE FIRST TIME. I HAVE NOT HAD THEM REPLACED A SECOND TIME, AS THE WARRANTY HAD EXPIRED DUE TO MILEAGE (EVEN THOUGH THE SWITCHES BROKE TWICE WITHIN A YEAR OF PURCHASE OF THE VEHICLE). I DO NOT PLAN ON HAVING THE SWITCHES REPLACED AGAIN, AS I AM CONVINCED THAT THEY WILL SIMPLY BREAK AGAIN. I HAVE SEEN SIMILAR COMPLAINTS ON THIS WEBSITE, SO I WANTED TO SUBMIT FURTHER EVIDENCE THAT THERE MAY BE A PROBLEM WITH THE SWITCHES. THE AIR CONDITIONER STOPPED WORKING ABOUT 2 YEARS AFTER PURCHASE OF THE VEHICLE. UPON INSPECTION BY AN INDEPENDENT SERVICE STATION, A LEAK IN THE AIR COMPRESSOR VALVE WAS DIAGNOSED. THE MECHANIC STATED THAT THIS WAS UNUSUAL AND THAT THERE DID NOT APPEAR TO BE ANY TRAUMA TO

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

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.