



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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Date Received

21-MAY-2001

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Reference No.

745608

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

JAMES DANIEL 693631
14 SPRING STREET
RIVERESIDE CT 068782131

Work Number

Home Number **203 637 0849**

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 back of instrument panel)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
WDBHA29GXXA772195	MERCEDES BENZ	C280	1999	

Purchase Date 01-SEP-1999	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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" 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 _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08100000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: BATTERY	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) 07-MAY-2001 16600	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 0		

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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

ON MAY 7 MY WIFE AND I TOOK A TRIP TO VISIT HER PARENTS GRAVES AND TO ENJOY A RELAXING DAY IN THE COUNTRY. AFTER FINDING THE RURAL CEMETARY AND PAYING OUR RESPECTS WE SAT DOWN FOR A LITTLE PICNIC AT THE CEMETARY. AS WE TIDIED UP WHEN FINISHED, WE BEGAN TO PUT OUR STUFF INTO THE TRUNK OF THE CAR, WHICH WE HAD LEFT OPEN WHILE WE PICNICKED. AS MY WIFE BEGAN TO PUT THE PICNIC BLANKET INTO THE TRUNK, THERE WAS A SMALL EXPLOSION. IT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY A PUFF OR SO OF SMOKE AND THE SMELL OF SOMETHING THAT HAD BURNED. WE DID NOT KNOW WHAT HAD HAPPENED. INNITIAALLY THOUGHT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN SOME LEAKING GASOLINE, BUT THAT WAS NOT THE CASE. THE TOW TRUCK OPERATOR UPON ARRIVAL IMMEDIATELY QUESTIONED IF THE BATTERY HAD EXPLODED. SUCH AN EVENT WAS RARE TO US, BUT THAT WAS WHAT

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