



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1B6MF36CXTS513059	DODGE TRUCK	RAM 3500	1996	

Purchase Date 01-JAN-1996	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>7.3</u>	☐ 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 02112000	Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT ATTACHING MECHANISMS:	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>01-MAY-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>170000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>40</u>	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I AM REPORTING A DEFECT ON A ORIGINAL FRAME WELD. THE STABILIZER BAR THAT IS CONNECTED TO THE FRAME THAT KEEPS YOUR VEHICLE FROM SHAKING HAS SEPARATED. I HAVE HAD 3 WELDERS LOOK AT THIS VEHICLE TO REPAIR IT AND THEY ALL SAY THEY WONT FOR THEY DONT WANT TO BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR IT, BE CAUSE IF I WOULD HAVE BEEN GOING AT A HIGHER RATE OF SPEED I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE INJURED. I CONTACTED CHRYSLER AND THEY STATED TO ME THAT I SHOULD CONSIDER THE MILEAGE, WELL I HAVE NOT HAD ONE PROBLEM WITH MY ENGINE AND WITHOUT A FRAME A ENGINE IS REALLY NO GOOD. THEY ALSO STATED TO ME THAT MINE WAS THE FIRST ONE THEY EVER HEARD OF, WHICH I DONT HARDLY BELEIVE THAT. THANK YOU FOR YOU RTIME IN ADVANCE. *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.