



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)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1B3EJ46X3TN155634	DODGE	STRATUS	1996	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1996	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>2.4 LI</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 05150021	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>27-MAY-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>50050</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>65</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)

IN OCT 1999, HEAD GASKET WAS REPLACED AT 35900 MILES. WENT BACK 2 WEEKS LATER COMPLAINING OF OIL STILL LEAKING ON MY DRIVEWAY. THEY TIGHTENED ONE VALVE COVER BOLT WHICH WAS LOOSE. IN FEBRUARY, 2000, WITH 39500 MILES, COMPLAINING THAT THE VEHICLE STILL HAS AN OIL LEAK. THEY USED AN ENGINE DYE TO TRY TO DETECT SOURCE OF LEAK. THEY TEST DROVE THE CAR, LET IT RUN FOR A FEW HOURS, AND COULD NOT DETECT ANY LEAKS. SO I LIVED WITH SLIGHT OIL LEAKS, WHICH RECENTLY GOT WORSE, BUT DID NOT NOTICE IMMEDIATELY BECAUSE MY DRIVEWAY IS LOADED WITH SPOTS. WHILE DRIVING ON THE EXPRESSWAY, THE HEAD GASKET BLEW. CONSTRUCTION BARRIERS WERE LINED UP ALONGSIDE THE EXPRESSWAY. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PULL OFF TO THE SIDE BECAUSE OF THESE BARRIERS. THIS PRESENTED A REAL HAZARD. I FEEL IT IS IMPOR

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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.