



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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31-MAY-2001

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Reference No.

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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 door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1C4GT64L6VB277745	CHRYSLER TRUC	TOWN AND COUN	1997	

Purchase Date 01-JAN-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.6 L	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☐ New ☒ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type	Body Style
☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Bel	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other	☐ Sport Util ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☒ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 01400000	Part Name(s) STEERING:GEAR:RACK AND PINION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 19-MAR-2001 87536	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
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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)

THE POWER STEERING SYSTEM FUNCTIONS PROPERLY AT START-UP, BUT SOMETIME AFTER DRIVING, THE STEERING SYSTEM LOCKS-UP. IT ACTUALLY REQUIRES MORE FORCE TO TURN THE WHEEL THAN IF THE ENGINE HAD STALLED. SEVERAL TRIPS TO VARIOUS CHRYSLER DEALERS FAILED TO DIAGNOSE THE PROBLEM UNTIL TUESDAY, MAY 30 AT WALSER CHRY. IN BURNSVILLE, MN. THIS PROBLEM IS ESPECIALLY TREACHEROUS BECAUSE THE VEHICLE OPERATES NORMALLY AT START-UP. *AK

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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.