



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
4B3AU42N8XE154140	DODGE	AVENGER	1999	

Purchase Date 01-AUG-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.5L	☐ 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	☒ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 03270000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:SHOE:DISC BRAKE SYSTEM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No of Failure 3	Date(s) of Failure(s) 30-SEP-1999 6000 Mileage at Failure(s)	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)

SINCE PURCHASING THE VEHICLE APPROXIMATELY 2 YEARS AGO, THE BRAKE PADS AND ROTORS HAVE NOT BEEN EFFECTIVE. THE BRAKES WERE REPLACED 2 TIMES WITHIN THE FIRST 15,000 DRIVEN. WHEN TRYING TO ADMINISTER THE BRAKES WHETHER IT BE A LIGHTED INTERSECTION OR SLOWING DOWN FOR TRAFFIC AHEAD, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO STOP THE CAR NO MATTER HOW FAR EARLY THE BRAKES ARE APPLIED. THIS IS UNACCEPTABLE AND DANGEROUS. WITHIN THE FIRST MONTH OF OWNERSHIP, THE DRIVER SIDE WINDOW SOUNDED AS THOUGH IT WERE CRACKED OPEN SLIGHTLY, YET THE WINDOWS WERE FULLY CLOSED. THE FIRST TIME THE CAR WAS DROPPED OFF FOR SERVICE, THE WEATHERSTRIPPING WAS REPLACED. THIS HELPED VERY LITTLE. THE CAR WAS BROUGHT BACK TO THE DEALER, WHEN THEY FINALLY FOUND THAT THERE WAS A SCREW IN THE DOOR THAT WAS BROKEN A

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.