



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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Reference No.

748223

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 above windshield)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2B4GP44RXVR404556	DODGE TRUCK	GRAND CARAVA	1997	

Purchase Date <b>01-MAR-1998</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02740000	Part Name(s) <b>TIRES:TREAD</b>	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 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 05-JUL-2001	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) 50000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 65		

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

THESE TIRES WERE REPLACED AS PART OF A RECALL IN APPROXIMATELY 1998. THE THREAD ON THIS TIRE HAS VIRTUALLY NO WEAR. THERE IS PROBABLY ABOUT 12-15,000 MILES ON THESE TIRES. MY SON AND I WERE DRIVING DOWN THE HIGHWAY WHEN THE TIRE COMPLETELY BLEW OUT, NEARLY CAUSING AN ACCIDENT. I HATE TO THINK WHAT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED HAD A CAR BEEN CLOSER TO US THAN THEY WERE, AND WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GET TO THE SIDE OF THE HIGHWAY SAFELY AND QUICKLY. UPON INSPECTION OF THE TIRE, I SAW THAT THE THREAD HAD COMPLETELY COME OFF THE SIDES OF THE TIRE. THE TIRE WAS IN THREE DISTINCTLY DIFFERENT PARTS. THE TOW TRUCK DRIVER WHO CAME TO CHANGE THE TIRE WAS FLABBERGASTED AT THE CONDITION OF THE TIRE. HE SAID THAT THE O

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