



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) <small>(Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
JT6GF10UXX0025849	LEXUS	RX300	1999			
Purchase Date 01-JAN-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3L	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio			
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input 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 checked="" 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 _____

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 13130000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:BODY	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	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Polic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE DRIVING ON THE FREEWAY AFTER APPROXIMATELY 5 HOURS ON THE ROAD, THE VEHICLE CAUGHT FIRE DROPPING MELTING, BURNING DEBRIS ONTO THE ROADWAY. THE CAR HAD 16,000 MILES AT THE TIME. A PLASTIC "UNDER ENGINE COVER" AND TWO VACUUM HOSES WERE DESTROYED. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO THE DEALER WHO SAID THERE WAS NO RESPONSIBILITY ON THEIR PART FOR THE FIRE OR DAMAGE. THEY SUGGESTED A PLASTIC BAG OR SIMILAR OBJECT BLEW UP FROM THE ROADWAY SETTING THE VEHICLE COMPONENTS ON FIRE. ANOTHER SUGGESTION WAS THAT A SERVICE PERSON LEFT SOMETHING IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. THE VEHICLE HADN'T BEEN SERVICED FOR ALMOST 4 MONTHS AND HAD BEEN DRIVEN OVER 1000 MILES SINCE THE LAST SERVICE. NO SIGNS OF BURNING WERE FOUND ON OTHER ENGINE COMPONENTS. WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE DEALER'S EXPL

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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.