



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.

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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
2C3EL56T4RH124359	CHRYSLER	CONCORDE	1994	

Purchase Date 01-JUN-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.3 L	☐ 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 07300000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 6	Date(s) of Failure(s) 15-JUN-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 108000 Mileage at Failure(s) 70	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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE DRIVING AT FREEWAY SPEEDS, THE TRANSMISSION SHIFTS INTO LOW GEAR IN A SUDDEN AND UNEXPECTED MANNER. THIS CAUSES THE ENGINE TO REACH A "RED LINE" CONDITION WITHIN A FRACTION OF A SECOND, AND CAUSES THE CAR TO REDUCE SPEED IN A VERY SHORT PERIOD OF TIME. SINCE THE BREAK LIGHTS ARE NOT ACTIVATED, THIS SITUATION POSES A SERIOUS SAFETY HAZZARD, AS THE CAR BEHIND MAY BE UNABLE TO AVOID A COLLISION FROM THE TOTALLY UNEXPECTED AND UN-SIGNALLED BREAKING ACTION. THIS CONDITION HAPPENED ABOUT 6 TIMES WITHIN ABOUT A ONE HOUR PERIOD, WHILE THE HEADLIGHTS WERE ON. THE NEXT DAY THE TRANSMISSION PERFORMED NORMALLY, WHILE THE HEADLIGHTS WERE OFF. THE CAR HAS NOT BEEN USED AT NIGHT TIME SINCE THIS INCIDENT, AND HAS NOT HAD THE DOWNSHIFTING PROBLEM WHEN RUN DURING THE DAY TIME. TH

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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.