



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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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
3VWDB61E8XM812921	VOLKSWAGEN	CABRIOLET	1999	

Purchase Date 01-SEP-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/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 ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08500000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No of Failure 6	Date(s) of Failure(s) 18-JUN-2001 21835 Mileage at Failure(s) 30	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)

VEHICLE CONTINUES TO SHUT DOWN IN MOVING TRAFFIC. IT'S BEEN AT THE DEALER 6 TIMES, FOR UP TO 7 DAYS AT A TIME AND THEY HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO DUPLICATE CONCERN OR DIAGNOSE PROBLEM. I FEEL IT'S A REAL SAFETY ISSUE WHEN THE CAR SHUTS DOWN IN MOVING TRAFFIC WITH NO WARNING. CAR STARTS UP AFTER COMPLETELY STOPPING, PUTTING IT IN PARK TURNING THE IGNITION OFF AND RESTARTING IT. THERE ARE NO WARNING SIGNS. THE PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE IN THE ELECTRICAL BECAUSE THE CAR LOOSES ALL POWER. NO LIGHTS ON THE DASH, NO POWER STEERING ETC. WHAT IS A REASONABLE LENGHT OF TIME FOR THIS TO BE CORRECTED?*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.