



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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20-AUG-2001

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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 door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1C4GP64LXVB283021	CHRYSLER TRUC	TOWN AND COUN	1997	

Purchase Date 01-AUG-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injectio
☒ 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 Ult ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 13520000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:TAILGATE ASSEMBLY:HINGE AND ATTACHMENTS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 16-AUG-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 54000	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 1	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag _____	Reported to Polic ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I HEARD A LOUD NOISE AS I PARKED MY CAR IN THE PARKING LOT. WHEN I RETURNED TO MY CAR TO PUT MY SHOPPING BAGS IN, THE TAILGATE DOOR SEEMED VERY HEAVY. THE BOLT HOLDING UP THE SUPPORT FOR THE TAILGATE HAD BROKEN IN HALF. THE TAIL GATE FELL DOWN ON MY HEAD. HALF OF THE BOLT REMAINED IN THE SOCKET. THE DEALER HAD TO PRY IT OUT. THEY HAVE ORDERED A REPLACEMENT PART FOR ME. I WAS LUCKY THAT I PARTIALLY CAUGHT THE TAILGATE DOOR BEFORE ITS FULL WEIGHT HIT ME ON THE HEAD. I WANTED TO REPORT THIS AS A POTENTIAL DEFECT SO SOMEONE ELSE DIDN'T GET SERIOUSLY INJURED.*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.