



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
4A3AC54H71E225476	MITSUBISHI	ECLIPSE	2001	

Purchase Date 01-AUG-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.0 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 02611000	Part Name(s) WHEELS:RIM BASE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 18-AUG-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 500 Mileage at Failure(s) 50	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 GOING ONTO AN INTERSTATE (I 495 NORTH) FROM THE RAMP, MY CAR STEPPED INTO A POTHOLE WHICH WAS NOT REALLY DEEP ONLY AT AROUND 50 MILES. THE FRONT LEFT WHEEL RIM WAS FRACTURED AND BENT AND THE REAR RIM WAS BENT SLIGHTLY TOO. THE TIRE DEFLATED IMMEDIATELY BUT DID NOT BURST OPEN. FORTUNATELY SINCE THERE WAS NOT MUCH TRAFFIC THERE WAS NO CRASH, BUT IT COULD EASILY HAVE BEEN FATAL, ESPECIALLY SINCE THE CAR IS A FRONT WHEEL DRIVE AND THE WHEEL WAS REALLY BENT OUT OF SHAPE. DEALER SAID THAT PROBLEM IS DUE TO ROAD HAZARD AND NOT VEHICLE DEFECT, HOWEVER I HAVE FOUND 5 OTHER COMPLAINTS ON THIS WEBSITE OF THE EXACT SAME NATURE.*AK

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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.