



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
WBADM6337XBY32526		BMW	525i	1999	
Purchase Date 01-FEB-1999	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.8L	☐ 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 13430000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:DOOR ASSEMBLY:HANDLE:INSIDE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 03-SEP-2001 39500 Mileage at Failure(s) 0	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)

THE DRIVER'S INTERIOR DOOR HANDLE, WHICH IS PLASTIC, BROKE OFF IN MY HAND WITHOUT OPENING THE DOOR AS I ATTEMPTED TO EXIT THE VEHICLE. ACCORDING TO A BMW INTERNET FORUM THAT I MONITOR, THIS IS A VERY COMMON PROBLEM FOR THIS MODEL. THIS EVENT REQUIRES THE DRIVER TO EITHER LOWER THE POWER WINDOW TO ACCESS THE OUTSIDE DOOR HANDLE, OR CLIMB OVER THE CENTER CONSOLE TO THE PASSENGER'S DOOR, OR GET ASSISTANCE FROM THE OUTSIDE IN ORDER TO EXIT THE VEHICLE. THIS INCIDENT OCCURRED UNDER NORMAL USAGE. IN THE EVENT OF AN ACCIDENT IT COULD HAVE FATAL CONSEQUENCES.*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.