



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) 1B7MF3369XJ528397	Vehicle Make DODGE TRUCK	Vehicle Model RAM 1500	Vehicle Year 1999	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-MAY-1999	Dealer's Name		Engine Size (CID/CC/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 01580000	Part Name(s) STEERING:LINKAGES:KNUCKLE:SPINDLE:ARM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 15-SEP-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 80000 55	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 C	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I WAS HAULING A ROUND BALE OF HAY HOME WHEN THE LEFT FRONT WHEEL ALMOST FELL OF THE TRUCK. I LOST CONTROL OF THE TRUCK BUT WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO GET IT STOPPED BEFORE I HIT ANYONE. I HAD THE TRUCK HAULED TO OWENSVILLE MOTORS AND THEY FOUND THAT THE LEFT FRONT SPINDLE NUT HAD STRIPPED OFF AND THE LEFT FRONT BEARING WENT OUT BENDING THE KNUCKLE, RUINING THE ROTOR, BRAKE PAD, CALIPER, TIRE, ABS SENSOR, AND THE SEALS IN THE AXLE. I AM VERY LUCKY NOT TO HAVE BEEN HURT OR HAVE HIT ANYONE ELSE WHEN I LOST CONTROL OF THE TRUCK. THE ONLY THING THAT HELD THE TIRE ON WAS THE BRAKE. THIS SHOULD NEVER HAVE HAPPENED AND I FEEL THIS IS DEFINETLY A SAFETY ISSUE. I COULD HAVE HAD A VERY SERIOUS ACCIDENT AND BEEN HURT OR HURT SOMEONE ELSE. THE SPINDLE NUT SHOULD NEVER HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COME COMPLET

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

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.