



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
WVWMA23B8YP294449	VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT	2000	

Purchase Date 01-APR-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>1.8</u>	☐ 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 Belt ☐ 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 07300000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>13-JUN-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>13250</u> <u>0</u>	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

TRANSMISSION PERIODICALLY EXPERIENCES INTERMITTENT HARD SHIFTING ON STARTUP. THE VEHICLE THEN GOES INTO "LIMPING MODE" WHICH CAUSES VERY SLOW ACCELERATION. THE PROBLEM CAUSES A SENSOR IN THE CAR TO DISPLAY "EMISSIONS WORKSHOP" WARNING ON THE DASH INDICATOR. TURNING THE CAR OFF AND RESTARTING SEEMS TO CORRECT THE FAULT. VW DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES IDENTIFIED THE PROBLEM AS "1 DTC RECOGNIZED 18227 P1819 035 PRESSURE CONTROL SOLENOID 2 OPEN/SHORT TO GROUND SPORADIC DTC 1551 DIAGNOSIS". THE PROBLEM HAS OCCURRED IMMEDIATELY AFTER STARTUP, AND ON A SECOND OCCASION WHILE IN GEAR STANDING AT A TRAFFIC SIGNAL. SUBSEQUENT TESTING COULD NOT IDENTIFY A SPECIFIC DEFECTIVE COMPONENT AND NO CORRECTIVE REPAIRS WERE MADE. THIS PROBLEM IS A SAFETY HAZARD.

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.