



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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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) <small>(Lowercase letters "i" and "o" are not used in VINs)</small> <b>1B4GP44R6TB108171</b>	Vehicle Make <b>DODGE TRUCK</b>	Vehicle Model <b>GRAND CARAVA</b>	Vehicle Year <b>1996</b>	Current Odometer Reading		
Purchase Date <b>01-FEB-2000</b>	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <b>3.3</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio		
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		No Cylinders _____			
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component <b>07300000</b>	Part Name(s) <b>POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC</b>	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <b>03-APR-2000</b>	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) <b>49882</b>		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <b>35</b>		

### APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured <b>0</b>	Number of Fatalities <b>0</b>	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I PURCHASED MY MINIVAN FROM BEDARD BROS. ON FEB. 21, 2000. ON APRIL 3, 2000 IT HAD A REBUILT TRANSMISSION PUT IN BY BEDARD BROS. BECAUSE WHILE I WAS DRIVING IT SUDDENLY DROPPED INTO A LOWER GEAR. THEN IT STARTED LEAKING FLUID. BEDARDS SAID A PIN CAUSED A HOLE IN THE TRANSMISSION CASE. ON MAY 10, 2000, I HAD THE SAME PROBLEM WITH THE TRANSMISSION DROPPING INTO A LOW GEAR AND THE CHECK ENGINE LIGHT COMING ON. A MECHANIC AT BEDARD BROS. HOOKED HIS COMPUTER TO THE VEHICLE AND RESET THE CODES NOT BEING ABLE TO DUPLICATE THE PROBLEM. IN OCT. 2001 I AGAIN FELT A "CLUNK" AND IT DROPPED INTO A LOWER GEAR BUT THAT SOMEHOW CORRECTED ITSELF. BUT, NOW THE TRANSMISSION IS LEAKING AGAIN. I BROUGHT IT TO BED,

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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.