



U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

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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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side) 3B7HC16Z2WM200633	Vehicle Make DODGE TRUCK	Vehicle Model RAM	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-DEC-1998	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 5.9	☐ 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 ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☒ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Bel	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☒ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel
Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other _____		Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☒ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 06212000 08550000	Part Name(s) FUEL:CARBURETOR:UNKNOWN TYPE:MANIFOLD:INTAKE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION:OTHER PART	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part's ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 19-OCT-2001 44542 Mileage at Failure(s) 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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

SPARK KNOCK NOTICED, VEHICLE TAKEN TO NEAREST DODGE DEALERSHIP(COLONIAL DR., ORLANDO,FL). VEHICLE WAS EVALUATED BY COMPUTER DIAGNOSTIC SYSTEM AND ROAD TEST: REPORTED AS NORMAL. ON FURTHER INSISTANCE AND DISCUSSION, SERVICE TECH FOUND INTAKE MANIFOLD GASKET WAS DEFECTIVE AND WOULD NEED REPLACEMENT. IT WAS ALSO MENTIONED BY THIS DEALERSHIP, AS WELL AS BY SEVERAL OTHER MECHANICS, THAT THIS IS A PROBLEM DODGE IS HAVING ON V-6 AND V-8 STYLE ENGINES. THIS PROBLEM HAS BECOME SO WIDESPREAD THAT DODGE HAS PUBLISHED BULLETINS ON REPAIR OF THIS DEFECT. DODGE HAS ALSO AGREED TO REPAIR THIS DEFECT IN THE V-6 ENGINES. SINCE I AM THE OWNER OF A V-8 ENGINE THAT THIS DEFECT ALSO EXISTS, I FEEL DODGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE FAILURE OF THE PART IN MY ENGINE AND I SHOULD BE

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.