



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>(Location at bottom of and/or above windshield)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2B4GP44R9VR153920	DODGE TRUCK	GRAND CARAVA	1997	

Purchase Date <b>01-APR-1997</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>3.3</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input 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 _____
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**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 13550000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:TAILGATE ASSEMBLY:LATCHES AND LOCKS	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
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No of Failure <b>100</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-JAN-1999	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) 45000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0		

**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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	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)**

THE LIFT GATE BOLT BROKE OFF ON THE RIGHT HAND SIDE. THE GATE CRASHED DOWN ON THE BACK OF MY NECK AND BACK. THIS COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY INJURED MY FIVE YEAR OLD IF HE WERE THERE. IT COULD HAVE SERIOUSLY INJURED ANYONE FOR THAT MATTER. PLEASE CHECK INTO THIS MATTER. TWO OTHER PEOPLE I SPOKE WITH HAVE HAD THE SAME PROBLEM. I TOLD THEM TO PLEASE REPORT IT. I THINK THE 91-93 MODELS HAD THE SAME PROBLEM. THE OTHER PROBLEMS ARE NOT AS SERIOUS AS THIS. I HOPE NO ONE HAS TO GET SERIOUSLY HURT BY THIS BEFORE SOMETHING IS DONE. THE GATE IS SO HEAVY. I CAN NOT LIFT IT TO USE IT. THE BOLT IS STILL BROKE OFF INSIDE THE PANEL. THE DEALER SAID THE LABOR WOULD BE AROUND \$175.00, AS THE PANEL MUST BE REMOVED. THE PART IS A

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.