



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1B7KF2369XJ639761	DODGE TRUCK	RAM 2500	1999	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 5.9L	☐ 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 03272000	Part Name(s) BRAKES:HYDRAULIC:DISC:PADS AND SHOES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 21-SEP-2001	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 44120		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 45		

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 1	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

FOLLOWING THE REPLACEMENT OF THE FRONT BRAKE PADS, THE BRAKES FAILED, AND THE VEHICLE WAS RETURNED TO THE DEALERS SERVICE DEPARTMENT. THE SERVICE MANAGER TOLD ME THAT THE BRAKE PADS HAD "MELTED AND TURNED INTO WAX". IT WAS SIMPLY A DEFECTIVE PART, AND THAT HE HAD SEEN IT OCCUR PREVIOUSLY ON A DODGE CARAVAN. ANYWAY, I THINK THAT BRAKE PADS MELTING IS A SIGNIFICANT SAFETY CONCERN. MY WIFE NARROWLY AVOIDED A HEAD ON COLLISION WHEN THE BRAKES FAILED AT A CONSTRUCTION AREA, AND THE VEHICLE VEERED INTO THE ONCOMING LANE OF TRAFFIC - SHE DID NOT STEER INTO THIS LANE. SHE SAID IT FELT ALMOST AS IF THE BRAKES HAD BEEN GREASED.

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.