



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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Reference No.

755276

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

|                                                                                                                                       |                             |                                        |                             |                          |
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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN)<br><small>(Locate at bottom of<br/>windshield or driver's side<br/>door)</small><br><b>1J4GZ58S8TC384968</b> | Vehicle Make<br><b>JEEP</b> | Vehicle Model<br><b>GRAND CHEROKEE</b> | Vehicle Year<br><b>1996</b> | Current Odometer Reading |
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| Purchase Date<br><b>01-JUN-2001</b>                                                        | Dealer's Name _____                                                                                                           | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) <b>4.0 L</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used                      | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                                                                                         | No Cylinders _____                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Transmission Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | Antilock Brakes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                     | Restraint System<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag                     | Cruise Control<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                               |
|                                                                                            | Drive Train<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel | Vehicle Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Body Style<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

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

|                              |                                                     |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
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| Component<br><b>08113000</b> | Part Name(s)<br><b>FUEL:FUEL TANK ASSEMBLY:TANK</b> | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure<br><b>2</b>    | Date(s) of Failure(s) <b>15-JUN-2001</b>            | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                |
|                              | Mileage at Failure(s) <b>114300</b>                 |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
|                              | Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <b>0</b>                |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |

### APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

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

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

THE PLASTIC GAS TANK IN THE 1996 JEEP CHEROKEE APPEARS TO DEFORM DUE TO AGING AND PLASTIC "CREEP" SO THAT THE SEAL AROUND THE FUEL PUMP MODULE LEAKS. OFTEN THE LEAK IS SEVERE. MY CHEROKEE LEAKED SEVERAL GALLONS WHEN I ATTEMPTED TO FILL THE TANK. REPLACEMENT OF GASKETS, ETC., DOES NOT REPAIR THE PROBLEM. I DISCOVERED THAT THERE HAVE APPARENTLY BEEN A LARGE NUMBER OF RECENT FAILURES OF THIS TYPE, AS REPLACEMENT TANKS ARE ON LONG BACKORDER. THE LEAK IS A FIRE HAZARD. \*AK

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.