



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side) 2B5WB25Y5YK123245	Vehicle Make DODGE TRUCK	Vehicle Model RAM	Vehicle Year 2000	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-DEC-1999	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 5.2L	☐ 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 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 30	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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I INSTALLED TIRE CHAINS ON MY VEHICLE AS PERMITTED IN THE OWNERS MANUAL. A LINK ON THE CHAIN BROKE BECAUSE IT WAS RUBBING AGAINST THE LEAF SPRINGS OF THE VEHICLE. THE SPACE BETWEEN THE INSIDE OF THE TIRE AND THE OUTSIDE EDGE OF THE LEAF SPRINGS IS APPROXIMATELY 1 INCH. THIS IS INSUFFICIENT TO SAFELY RUN CHAINS ON THE VEHICLE. WHEN THE CHAINS FAILED - IF THEY HAD WRAPPED AROUND THE AXLE IT VERY LIKELY COULD HAVE CAUSED THE VEHICLE TO BECOME UNCONTROLLABLE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS REFERRED ME TO THE SELLING DEALER. THE SELLING DEALER SAID THEY CANNOT GET ANY GUIDANCE FROM THE MANUFACTURER. THE SELLING DEALER OFFERED THAT I USE CABLE CHAINS INSTEAD. I BOUGHT A SET OF THESE AND THEY, TOO, DON'

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.