



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
4T1BF18B1WU284545	TOYOTA	AVALON	1998	

Purchase Date 01-DEC-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.0L	☐ 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 4	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-FEB-1999	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 3088		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 35		

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 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

VEHICLE IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO "TIRE STEER". TWO OF THE ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT TIRES (BRIDGESTONE) WERE REPLACED AT 3000 MILES, BUT THE PROBLEM RECURRED. THE ENTIRE SET OF TIRES WERE REPLACED WITH BF GOODRICH TIRES, BUT THE SAME PROBLEM RECURRED. ROTATING THE TIRES BECOMES PROBLEMATIC BECAUSE THE WRONG SWITCH EXACERBATES THE PROBLEM. THE RESULTING "PULL" INDICATES THE NEED FOR A WHEEL ALIGNMENT WHEN THAT IS NOT THE PROBLEM, OR OBSCURES THE NEED AT OTHER TIMES. THE NEED TO FIGHT THE WHEEL CAUSES DRIVER FATIGUE AND COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF CONTROL.*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.