



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) <small>(Location at bottom of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
JT8CH32Y0W1001709	LEXUS	SC400	1998	

Purchase Date 01-AUG-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L 4.0 IN	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input checked="" 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 05100000	Part Name(s) ENGINE	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
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 14-AUG-1993	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) 4329		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 20		

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE DAY I DROVE OFF THE LEXUS LOT ONLY A COUPLE HOURS LATER, IT WAS POURING THE RAIN. I CAME ACROSS STANDING WATER ON THE ROAD. SEVERAL CARS ZOOMED RIGHT THROUGH, INCLUDING THE FORD ESCORT IN FRONT OF ME. SO I PROCEEDED ONLY TO FIND THAT MY ENGINE WOULD CEASE AND FOR THE NEXT THREE MONTHS I WOULD PAY A HEFTY PAYMENT WITH NOTHING TO DRIVE. LEXUS SAID THEY COULDN'T DO A THING FOR US THAT IT WAS AN ACT OF GOD. I WANT TO KNOW WHY EVERY OTHER CAR DID NOT GET AFFECTED BY THE "ACT OF GOD". YOU'D EXPECT A \$58,000 TO BE ABLE TO DO WHAT A FORD ESCORT CAN DO AT LEAST. LUCKILY OUR INSURANCE COVERED THE \$17,124 BILL. THE ENGINE ONLY HAD 4,329 MILES ON IT, I BOUGHT A PREOWNED. THE ENGINE HAD TO BE REPLACED, IN

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.