



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 and driver's side door) WVWMD63B3WE326649	Vehicle Make VOLKSWAGEN	Vehicle Model PASSAT	Vehicle Year 1998	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-JUN-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.8 L	☐ 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 _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08114000	Part Name(s) FUEL:FUEL TANK ASSEMBLY:GAUGE:FUEL	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 10	Date(s) of Failure(s) 02-FEB-2002 Mileage at Failure(s) 56482 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

FUEL GUAGE INTERMITTENTLY DISPLAYS INCORRECT LEVELS. FOR INSTANCE, WILL ONLY SHOW 3/4 FULL AFTER FILLUP. ALSO, WILL SPORATICLY JUMP BETWEEN 1/4 FULL AND FULL ON OCCASION. DEALER STATES "UNABLE TO DUPLICATE. HAVE ALMOST RUNOUT OF GAS ON 4 OCCASIONS DUE TO PROBLEM. HAVE TALKED TO OTHER PASSAT OWNERS, AND MANY REPORT SAME OR SIMILAR PROBLEMS. CONCERENED ABOUT RUNNING OUT OF FUEL AND BEING STRANDED OR, MORE SERIOUSLY, FIRE HAZARD. PROBLEM FIRST STARTED TO OCCUR AROUND 45K MILES.*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.