



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1B7GG22N9YS566852	DODGE TRUCK	DAKOTA	2000	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.7/LN	☐ 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 07421000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:DRIVESHAFT	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 14-FEB-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 40700		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 75		

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)

I AM THE DAUGHTER OF THE OWNER AND AM WRITING AND SENDING THIS BECAUSE MY FATHER IS ILLITERATE AND SPEAKS VERY LITTLE ENGLISH. HE IS 70 YEARS OLD AND RETIRED. MY PARENTS WERE TRAVELING BACK FROM ALBUQUERQUE, NM ON I-40 APPROX. 8:30 PM AT 75 MPH WHEN THEY HEARD THIS LOUD, TERRIBLE NOISE FROM UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE. THE STEERING MECHANISM STIFFENED AND THEY SLOWLY MANUEVERED THE TRUCK OFF THE FREEWAY. PRELIMINARY REPORT FROM A MECHANIC STATES IT MAY APPEAR THAT THEY DRIVESHAFT BROKE INITIALLY AND IN RETURN, IT HIT AND TORE APART THE TRANSMISSION AND THE TRANSFER CASE. PREVIOUSLY, THIS VEHICLE HAS NO HISTORY OF HAVING ANY SORT OF PROBLEMS NOR HAD MY PARENTS HAD ANY INCLINATION THA

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.