



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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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 and/or above windshield)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
3C3EL55H1VT588742	CHRYSLER	SEBRING CONVEY	1997	

Purchase Date 01-AUG-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 01560000	Part Name(s) STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD:END	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
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No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 08-MAR-2001	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) 34370		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 5		

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

RIGHT OUTER TIE ROD END BROKE COMPLETELY AWAY AND RIGHT WHEEL PIVOTED NEARLY PERPENDICULAR TO LEFT WHEEL. ONLY TRAVELING 5 MPH AT TIME OF INCIDENT. A HIGHER NORMAL SPEED COULD HAVE RESULTED IN DAMMAGE OR INJURY OR FATALITY. CAR HAS ONLY 34,400 MILES AND HAS BEEN WELL MAINTAINED. REPAIR WAS MADE BY REPLACING BOTH RIGHT TIE ROD END{BROKEN} AND LEFT TIE ROD END BADLY WORN AND ALIGNMENT. THESE TIE ROD ENDS ARE NON LUBRICATABLE. IT IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL FOR THIS SPECIFIC PROBLEM TO OCCUR IN A VEHICLE WITH SUCH LOW MILEAGE AND THAT HAS NEVER BEEN OPERATED IN ADVERSE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO SUCH A FAILURE. TWO ACQUAINTANCES OF MINE HAVE HAD FRONT AXLES BREAK ON NEWER CHRYSLER MINIVAI

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