



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) WVWMA23B9YP159075	Vehicle Make VOLKSWAGEN	Vehicle Model PASSAT	Vehicle Year 2000	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-MAR-2000	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 1.8L	☒ 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 01400000	Part Name(s) STEERING:GEAR:RACK AND PINION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-FEB-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 40000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)		

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

RACK AND PINION NEEDS TO BE REPLACED. THIS PROBLEM STARTED DIRECTLY AFTER 40,000 MILE TUNE UP AT DEALER. I HAVE HEARD STORIES OF OTHER PEOPLE WITH SAME PROBLEM OF WHEEL STICKING WHEN TURNING. FEELS LIKE RACK IS NOT ALIGNED WITH RACK AND PINION. HAVE HEARD OF ONE INSTANCE WHERE STEERING WENT COMPLETELY OUT. PLEASE CORRECT THIS PROBLEM SO MYLSELF AND OTHER ARE NOT IN DANGER OF LOOSING STEERING WHILE DRIVING.*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.