



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 door side) WVWMA63B0XE191348	Vehicle Make VOLKSWAGEN	Vehicle Model PASSAT	Vehicle Year 1999	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-OCT-2098	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 02100000	Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-MAY-2002 Mileage at Failure(s) 52295 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)	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 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)

HAVE CONTACTED VW CUSTOMER SERVICE AND REQUESTED FOR COVERAGE SINCE THIS IS QUITE A COMMON PROBLEM ON PASSAT. HOWEVER, VW REFUSED TO COVER, NOT EVEN HALF THE COST! OTHER PASSAT OWNERS HAVE AT LEAST GOT ALL PARTS COVERED BY VW! THE TOTAL COST SUM UP WITH UP TO \$1000. THE MAIN PROBLEM HAPPENING IS BASICALLY I HEARD CONSISTENT CLUNKING NOISE WHEN TURNING UNDER LOW SPEED, GOING OVER A BUMP, AND OCCASIONAL BRAKING. ACCORDING TO WHAT I HAVE HEARD, THIS IS CALLED THE "LOWER CONTROL ARM FAILURE" AND THERE'S A BULLETIN IN VW THAT THIS IS RECOGNIZED AS A PROBLEM AND SERVICE PROVIDERS ARE INFORMED TO INSTALL PARTICULAR COMPONENTS TO FIX THE PROBLEM. I THINK THIS IS QUITE A CRITICAL PART FOR THE CAR.

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.