



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
3B7KF23D3VG808511	DODGE TRUCK	2500	1997	

Purchase Date 01-JUN-2097	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>5.9 L</u>	☐ 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 07230000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:5 SPEED AND UP	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>08-JUN-2002</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>68200</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>60</u>	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 <u>0</u>	Number of Fatalities <u>0</u>	Estimated Property Damag <u>0</u>	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

5TH GEAR FAILED WHILE GOING DOWN A SLIGHT (~4%) GRADE WHILE USING THE ENGINE AND THE EXHAUST BRAKE. FORTUNATELY THE SPEED WAS SLOW ENOUGH THAT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO DOWNSHIFT. I CONSIDER THIS A SAFETY HAZARD. IF THE SPEED HAD BEEN HIGHER OR IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE TO DOWNSHIFT AN ACCIDENT COULD HAVE EASILY OCCURRED. THIS IS NOT AN UNCOMMON PROBLEM WITH THE 5-SPEED TRANSMISSION IN THE DODGE CUMMINS DIESEL TRUCKS.THERE IS SOME INFORMATION ON THE INTERNET INDICATING THAT THIS IS RATHER COMMON.THIS PROBLEM APPEARS TO BE A DESIGN FLAW. THE REPAIR INVOICE INDICATES THAT A "NUT PACKAGE" WAS REQUIRED TO PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURING AGAIN. THIS INDICATES THAT THE ORIGINAL DESIGN IS FLAWED. THIS SH

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.