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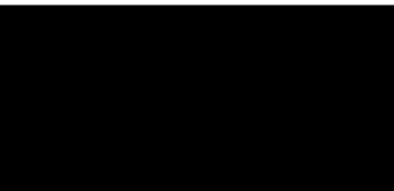
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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

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OWNER INFORMATION

NAME
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NHTSA authorized to send a copy of this report to the manufacturer: Yes

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: 7
MAKE: acura
MODEL: integra
YEAR: 1988

ODOMETER: 92500
PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED: Used

DEALER NAME:
ADDRESS: ,

ENGINE SIZE: 1.6
CYLINDERS:

FUEL INJECTION: Yes
TURBO: No
FUEL TYPE:
ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes
CRUISE CONTROL: Yes
DRIVETRAIN: Front

DRIVER AIRBAG: No
PASSENGER AIRBAG: No
3-POINT BELT: Yes
MOTOR BELT: No
2-POINT BELT: No
BODY STYLE: 4-Door

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: brake light switch
PART NAME(S): brake light switch
LOCATION: Front
NUMBER OF FAILURES: ?
DATE(S) OF FAILURES: current
MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 92500
SPEED AT FAILURE(S): na
MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: No
NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT: No
FIRE: No
NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED:
NUMBER OF FATALITIES:
ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$
DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED:
PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED:
REPORTED TO POLICE:

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

DOT NUMBER: DOT
TIRE MANUFACTURER:
TIRE NAME:
TIRE SIZE:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

My brake lights stopped working, after much checking I detlimined the problem was the brake light switch. I removed and disassembled the switch because I hve never heard of a brake light switch failing in a car, it is so mechanically simple after all. the switch appeared fine internally and I detlimined that the part that makes the contact inside the switch is made to narrow for the casing or housing of the switch and instead of making contact with the + and - contacts when the brake pedal is depressed it instead gets stuck or lodged at an angle and only makes contact on one side, I do not know if this is the result of wear or a design flaw but it could be very dangerous to not have brake lights, I saved myself the cost of a 60.00 switch at the acura dealer by adjusting the switch so that the returning brake pedal arm does not depress the switch as far. Is this a problem? Am I the only person with this problem?

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