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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE
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OWNER INFORMATION

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NHTSA authorized to send a copy of this report to the manufacturer: No

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: WAUHP84A3PN066181
MAKE: Audi
MODEL: S4
YEAR: 93

ODOMETER: 111000
PURCHASE DATE: 03/30/98
NEW OR USED:

DEALER NAME: Carouseil Porsche/Audi
ADDRESS: St Louis Park, MN

ENGINE SIZE: 2.23L
CYLINDERS: 5

FUEL INJECTION: Yes
TURBO: Yes
FUEL TYPE: Gas
ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes
CRUISE CONTROL: Yes

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: ? Quatro system

PART NAME(S): ? Viscous Coupling

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES: 1

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 6 April 2001

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 111000

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 60mph

MANUFATURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT: Yes

FIRE:

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$

DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: No

PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: N/A

REPORTED TO POLICE: Yes

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

DOT NUMBER: DOT

TIRE MANUFACTURER:

TIRE NAME:

TIRE SIZE:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

OEM Tires 5,000mi front, 25,000mi rear. Traveling the speed limit (60) in this Audi Quattro, traveling straight during a rainstorm, temperature 55-60, the rear end broke hard right sending the vehicle into a counterclockwise spin. A lamppost was hit with the right front quarter with the vehicle approximately 90 degrees to the road.

I have been driving in the northern US for 45 years and handled many skids and in vehicles less equipped to handle these conditions. It was like purposely trying to skid on a clear frozen pond. There were 2 previous incidents (during winter driving) where I felt that the car did not handle the conditions as well as it could or had in the past. I am fully aware that 4 or all wheel drive is not a license for reckless driving, and exercise caution.

Have there been any other reports of this happening?

END OF FORM



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123
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) <small>(Lowercase letters "i" and "o" are not allowed)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
WAUHP84A3PN066181	AUDI	S4	1993	

Purchase Date 30-MAR-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L 5 CYL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02400000	Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:SINGLE AXLE:REAR	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
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-APR-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) 111000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 60		

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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE DRIVING DURING A RAINSTORM THE REAR END BROKE HARD TO THE RIGHT SENDING THE VEHICLE INTO A COUNTERCLOCKWISE SPIN, AS A RESULT THE VEHICLE HIT A LAMPOST.NLM

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