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Subject: Car Talk VOQ submission

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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

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OWNER INFORMATION



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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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VIN:  
MAKE: nissan  
MODEL: altima GXE  
YEAR: 95  
  
ODOMETER: 90000  
PURCHASE DATE: 02/13/02  
NEW OR USED:  
  
DEALER NAME: private party  
ADDRESS: frankfort, ky ?  
  
ENGINE SIZE: 2.0 L  
CYLINDERS: 4  
  
FUEL INJECTION: No  
TURBO: No  
FUEL TYPE: Gas  
ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes  
CRUISE CONTROL: Yes

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

#### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

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COMPONENT: huge mega oil leak (it has been fixed) but considering that the problem has occurred in every nissan altima that i have seen (over 30) '93-97 models. i searched the altimas until i found one that had been fixed with a warranty. it took me a month and 29 cars to do it.

PART NAME(S): some type of ring that(i don't know the exact name for the part) is made of metal with rubber inside of the ring (they somehow got the two to stick)and later on the rubber piece separates from the metal ring and oil goes everywhere

LOCATION: Right

NUMBER OF FAILURES: every nissan altima '93-'97 model i have seen

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: ?

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): over 75000 miles

SPEED AT FAILURE(S):

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

#### APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

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ACCIDENT:  
FIRE:

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

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS  
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i know that other people have reported this problem, it is even listed in msn carpoint. i wonder why it wasn't a recall anyways.

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END OF FORM  
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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>(Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make <b>NISSAN</b>	Vehicle Model <b>ALTIMA</b>	Vehicle Year <b>1995</b>	Current Odometer Reading		
Purchase Date <b>13-FEB-2002</b>	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L <b>4 CYL</b> )	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input 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 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 type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component <b>05100000</b>	Part Name(s) <b>ENGINE</b>	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 <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) <b>75000</b> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

**CONSUMER STATED THAT VEHICLE HAS A HUGE OIL LEAK THAT IS CAUSED BY SOME TYPE OF RING THAT IS MADE OF METAL WITH RUBBER INSIDE OF THE RIGHT, LATER ON THE RUBBER PIECE SEPARATES FROM THE METAL RING AND OIL GOES EVERYWHERE. ^TT**

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