



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

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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 and/or above windshield)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading | | |
| 4T1BF12B6VU153764 | TOYOTA | AVALON | 1997 | | | |
| Purchase Date <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used | Dealer's Name City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ | Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ No. Cylinders _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio | | | |
| Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | Antilock Brakes <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | Cruise Control <input 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 checked="" 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 01400000 | Part Name(s) STEERING:GEAR:RACK AND PINION | 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 | Dates of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ 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)

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|---|--|---------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|---|
| Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damag | Reported to Polic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE HAVING VEHICLE SERVICED TECHNICIAN NOTICED RACK AND PINION STEERING WAS LEAKING. DEALER WAS NOTIFIED. PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION. *AK

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.