



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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21-MAY-2002

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Reference No.

8010236

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) (Locate at bottom of windshield and door frame)		Vehicle Make ACURA	Vehicle Model LEGEND	Vehicle Year 1992	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ 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 Utl ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____ Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 11609000	Part Name(s) AIR CONDITIONER:COMPRESSOR	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Dates of Failure(s) 12-MAY-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 63000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____		

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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☐ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE DRIVING AIR CONDITIONER'S COMEPRESSOR EXPLODED, AND THERE WAS SCRAP METAL ALL OVER ENGINE. CONTACTED DEALER, AND DEALER WAS NOT WILLING TO DO ANYTHING. *AK

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 DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ) U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT 1-888-327-4236 www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 798 Date Received: <u>21-MAY-2002</u> OFFICE DEFECTS INVESTIGATION Reference No. <u>8010236</u> Work Number _____ Home Number _____	
OWNER INFORMATION (I) [Redacted] <u>755107</u> WASHINGTON DC		Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO In the absence of an authorized signature, NHTSA will NOT provide your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date <u>6/3/02</u>	
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) <u>JH4KA7652NC035810</u>	Vehicle Make ACURA	Vehicle Model LEGEND	Vehicle Year 1992
Purchase Date <u>11/1992</u> ☒ New ☐ Used		Dealer's Name <u>Pohanka</u> City <u>Chantilly</u> State <u>VA</u> Zip Code <u>20151</u>	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ No. Cylinders _____ ☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION			
Component <u>11809000</u>	Part Name(s) <u>AIR CONDITIONER COMPRESSOR</u>	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☒ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>12-MAY-2002</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>64,325</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>55 mph</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	Number of Fatalities
Estimate of Property Damage COST OF REPAIR <u>\$2,572.80</u>		Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☐ No <u>N/A</u>	
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)			
WHILE DRIVING AIR CONDITIONER'S COMPRESSOR EXPLODED, AND THERE WAS SCRAP METAL ALL OVER ENGINE. CONTACTED DEALER, AND DEALER WAS NOT WILLING TO DO ANYTHING. *AK CATASTROPHIC FAILURE OF COMPRESSOR 24 HOURS AFTER OIL CHANGE AND PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE AT DEALER. COMPRESSOR DISINTEGRATED WHILE CAR WAS GOING 55 MPH, SPREADING METAL SHAVINGS THROUGHOUT ENGINE COMPARTMENT. COMPRESSOR, COIL, RECEIVER ASSEMBLY, EXPANSION VALVE, AND EVAPORATOR HAD TO BE REPLACED, AT COST OF \$2,572.80. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE METAL SHARDS COULD HAVE DESTROYED BELTS AND FUEL ASSEMBLY CAUSING CAR TO STOP SUDDENTLY OR CATCH ON FIRE, RESULTING IN A FATAL ACCIDENT.			
CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED			
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THERE WERE NO WARNING SOUNDS FROM ENGINE BEFORE COMPRESSOR DISINTEGRATED: POHANKA TECHNICIANS WHO PERFORMED PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE DAY BEFORE GAVE NO INDICATION COMPRESSOR HAD ANY PROBLEM, AND I HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY TOLD CAR HAD BEEN CHECKED FOR PROBLEMS, WHICH IS WHY I DROVE 30 MILES EACH WAY TO DEALER FOR AN OIL CHANGE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN DONE LOCALLY. DEALER TOOK NO RESPONSIBILITY FOR FAILURE.

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