

U.S. Department
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Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Reference No.

865882

 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) _____ (located at front of vehicle or on driver's side)	Vehicle Make MITSUBISHI	Vehicle Model ECLIPSE	Vehicle Year 1997	Current Odometer Reading
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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 ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☒ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other	Body Style ☐ Sport Vlt ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 05140000	Part Name(s) ENGINE FLYWHEEL	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures	Dates of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) Available? Yes No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? 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	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE DRIVING FLYWHEEL BROKE, CAUSING A LOSS OF CONTROL. DEALER HAS BEEN CONTACTED.*AK

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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.

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print) [Redacted]				Work Number _____ Home Number _____	
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 send your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.					
Signature of Owner _____				Date <u>8/21/2000</u>	
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) <u>4A3AX356GVED23135</u>		Vehicle Make <u>MITSUBISHI</u>		Vehicle Model <u>ECLIPSE</u>	
		Vehicle Year <u>1997</u>		Current Odometer Reading <u>30826</u>	
Purchase Date <u>9-16-98</u> ☐ New ☒ Used		Dealer's Name <u>GATEWAY HONDA</u> <u>8425 U.S. Hwy 19</u> City <u>PORT RICHIE</u> State <u>FLA</u> Zip Code <u>34668</u>		Engine Size _____ ☐ Turbo (CID/CC/L) _____ ☐ Diesel No Cylinders _____ ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection	
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic		Antilock Brakes ☐ Yes ☒ No		Restraint System ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Component <u>08140000</u>		Part Name(s) <u>ENGINE:FLYWHEEL</u>		Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	
				Failed Part(s) ☒ Original ☐ Replacement	
No of Failures <u>1</u>		Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>7-6-2000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>30,735</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>50 MPH AS USUAL</u>		Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No	
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				Number of Fatalities _____	
				Estimated Property Damage _____	
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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO.*

D O T

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

SIZE

* The identification number consists of 7 to 10 letters and numerals following the letters DOT. It is usually located near the rim flange on the side opposite the whitewall or on either side of a blackwall tire.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

Tire is better than last, plus Repair Bill

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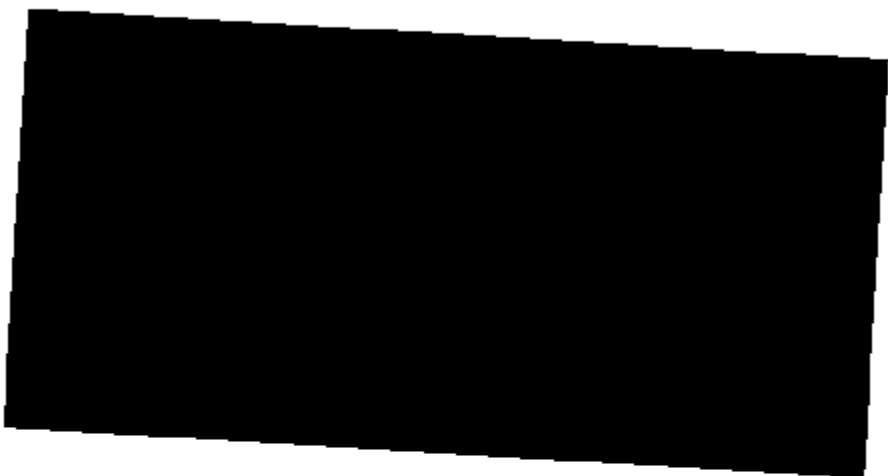
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Mitsubishi Motors Sales of America, Inc.
National Customer Service Department,

Dear Sirs, on to whom it may concern,

I am writing you in regards to the problems I am
having with your people and this vehicle.

I purchased one of your cars, The Mitsubishi Eclipse
Spyder Convertible 1977 model. Number 4A3AX3566VE0
23135. Odometer Reading at time of repair 30,785. The
new car warranty still in effect. I also have the extending
Warranty by R Automotive Warranty Service of Florida, Inc.
Agreement No. A676991. This won't go into effect until
the new car warranty expires.

I bought this car for the wife, & have a Lincoln.
I was on the Road driving it myself, when the Cross
Shaft Pulley Assembly came apart. The car went out
of Control, but I finally got it back in Control. I
could have been Kill or badly Injuring. I am glad the
wife wasn't driving it, it could have been a different
situation.

I would have taken it to a Dealership, But the nearest one was about 100 miles where I was, so I had a local Auto Care take care of it. I thought this was the best thing to do at the time. The next day I checked with one of your Dealerships. They didn't even look at it. That's just Common Courtesy. Every body is worth the decency and respect that cost you anything.

Maybe this note and Model should be Recall, I think you have a safety hazard here. I am sending you the bill that I already paid. It's not the money, it's the Principle.

I will be in Washington D.C. next week, and I am considering looking into this matter.

Your Cooperation in this matter will be Sincerely Appreciate.

Sincerely,



INVOICE# 0002212
Tax Exempt N

STEVE'S PRO AUTO CARE

8030 MASSACHUSETTS AVE
NEW PORT RICHEY, FL 34853
(727) 846-1528 (727) 849-0348

DATE 7/06/2000

FL STATE MV#-29993

001497 Comment:

CHECK CAR FOR BROKEN P.S & ALT BELT & REPLACE
CRANKSHAFT PULLEY ASSEMBLY & REPLACE BROKEN
BELT.

1997 Mitsubishi Eclipse Gs Spyd
VIN: 4A3AX35GBVE023135
TAG: [REDACTED]
MILEAGE: 30,785

Description	Quantity	Amount	Extended
Gates Belt Gat/K040390	1.00	19.95	19.95
Crank Shaft Pulley Assembly	1.00	129.33	129.33
Labor Diagnostic & Repairs	1.70	60.00	102.00

All Repairs Guaranteed For 12 Months or 12,000 Miles, Whichever Comes First.

Warranty is Good Only At STEVE'S PRO AUTO CARE

Towing is Not Included in Warranty Repairs

The Vehicle Owner Assumes All Legal Cost And Fees For The Collection Of This Bill.

All Work Was Estimated And Approved Prior To Start.

We Are Not Responsible For

THANK YOU!

SUBTOTAL 251.28
TAX: 15.08
TOTAL: 266.36

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