



U.S. Department
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**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-2001

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Reference No.

888710

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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side)		Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2HNYD18631H525695		ACURA TRUCK	MDX	2001	
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	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type
☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other
		☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Bel			☐ Sport Util ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other
					Body Style
					☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☒ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 15432000	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT:CHILD SEAT:BOOSTER HARNESS/STRAPS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 0	Date(s) of Failure(s) 12-MAY-2001 660 Mileage at Failure(s) 0	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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

SEATBELTS DO NOT WORK PROPERLY FOR A BOOSTER SEAT. COSUMER FEELS THERE'S A DEFECT IN THE WAY THEY WERE MADE. SEAT WILL SLIDE 7 TO 9 INCHES IN A COLLISION.*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

693082

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, please print your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 7/1/01

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of
windshield on driver's side)

2HNYD18631H525605

Vehicle Make

ACURA TRUCK

Vehicle Model

MDX

Vehicle Year

2001

Current Odometer Reading

1204

Purchase Date

Dealer's Name Acura of NewportEngine Size
(CID/CC/L)☐ Turbo
☐ Diesel
☒ Gas☒ Fuel Injection☒ New ☐ UsedCity Newport State RI Zip Code 02840No. Cylinders 6

Transmission Type

☐ Manual☒ Automatic

Antilock Brakes

☒ Yes☒ No

Restraint System

☒ 3-Point Belt☐ Motor Belt☒ Driverside Airbag☐ 2-Point Belt☒ Passengerside Airbag

Cruise Control

☒ Yes☐ No

Drive Train

☐ Front☐ Rear☒ 4-Wheel

Vehicle Type

☐ Car☐ Van☐ Minivan☐ Other☒ Sport Utl☐ Truck☐ Motorcycle

Body Style

☐ 2-Door☐ 4-Door☐ Stationwagon☐ Pick Up Truck☒ Other SUV

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component

15432000

Part Name(s)

EQUIPMENT: CHILD SEAT: BOOSTER HARNESS/STRAPS

Location

Left

Right

Front

Rear

Failed Part(s)

☒ Original☐ Replacement

No. of Failures

0

Date(s) of Failure(s) 12-MAY-2001Mileage at Failure(s) 650Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0

Failed Part(s)

Available?

☒ Yes ☐ No

NHTSA Previously

Contacted?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

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Number of Fatalities

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Estimated Property Damage

Reported to Police

☐ Yes ☒ No

See reverse side for Narrative Description

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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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)									

I have problem-installing **child's booster seats** in the third row of my new Acura MDX. The booster seat is a common model manufactured by Century Products Co. The seat belt strap goes through the back of the booster seat to install it.

Because the seat belt buckle of the Acura is not on a small strap (like those in the second row seating) that allows it to move to a verticle position I cannot get the booster seat to properly install. The buckle will not rotate back far enough and the booster seat when buckled in as tight as possible will move forward 7"-9". I have taken the vehicle to the local Police and an officer who has gone to school and was certified in the proper installation of child safety seats could not make the installation either.

I then took the vehicle to an Acura dealer and no solution. They suggested trying a locking clip on the belts but that did not work either.

I have reported this to Acura and found a deaf ear. Essentially what they said was find another booster seat that fits. I went to retailers and all the booster seats but 1 had the belts going through the back of the chair and will not work. The one that would was for a child of over 40 Lbs. The child I need to restrain is 35 Lbs.

My fear is that there may be many incorrectly installed child booster seats in MDX'S due to this design flaw. The Booster seat can be installed but not in a correct and safe way. Because it will buckle in but will not do so correctly will allow some to have a false sense that it is fastened in correctly. Serious child injuries could result!

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