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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
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893833

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		
1B3ES47C8SD512397	DODGE	NEON	1995			
Purchase Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" 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 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 02112000	Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT ATTACHING MECHANISMS:	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	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage 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 checked="" 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 Polic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

BACK RIGHT TIRE HAD A SLOW LEAK WHEN IT STARTED TO RUB AGAINST STABLIZER BAR. THERE IS INSUFFICIENT SPACE, ABOUT 1/2 OF INCH, BETWEEN STABLIZER BAR AND TIRE(WITH LOW AIR PRESSURE) WHICH CAUSED TIRE TO HEAT UP AND BLOW WHILE DRIVING.*AK

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U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		Reference No. 893833 Work Number _____ Hon Number _____	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)			
[Redacted] 706383		Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of an Signature of Owner: [Redacted] your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer: [Redacted] <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO Date: 8/13/01	
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Vehicle Ident No (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) 1B3ES47C8SD512397	Vehicle Make DODGE	Vehicle Model NEON	Vehicle Year 1995
Purchase Date <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Now <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name: <u>Leppola Motors (New York)</u> City: <u>Hempstead</u> State: <u>NY</u> Zip Code: <u>11552</u>	Engine Size (CID/CC/L): <u>2.0</u> No. Cylinders: <u>4</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
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No of Failures: _____	Date(s) of Failure(s): <u>8-7-01</u> Mileage at Failure(s): <u>48000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s): _____	Failed Part(s): <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Property Damag: _____		Reported to Police: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
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CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED			
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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO. *

D O T P L 7 J F X L R 4 2 9

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME
Douglas

SIZE
P185-65R14

* 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)

When changing TIRE noticed about two inch wear mark on stabilizer bar. Didn't think anything about it. Till next morning with new replacement tire on I checked distance between tire & stabilizer bar. There is finger width between tire & bar with normal air pressure. I've no doubt that low pressure and stabilizer bar caused blow out.

I know low air pressure is a tire hazard alone without rubbing on a bar. I had 12,400 miles on the tire. When buying

the Douglas tires I requested same size. (checked original tires P185-65R14 I said to check tire size) I will keep close eye on tire air pressure especially on back tires, when a low tire will rub on stabilizer bar!

I do have to say this I bought this neon neon in May 94 has been a great little car.

NOTE - Speed was about 65mph. *LM*

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