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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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Reference No.

897058

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                              |
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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN)<br><small>(Location at bottom of<br/>windshield and driver's side<br/>door)</small>                                                                                                                                    | Vehicle Make                                                                                                                                                                                  | Vehicle Model                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Vehicle Year                                                           | Current Odometer Reading                                                                                                                     |
| FILL IN                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | BMW                                                                                                                                                                                           | 325i                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2001                                                                   |                                                                                                                                              |
| Purchase Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Dealer's Name _____                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) _____                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                                                                                                           | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                               | No Cylinders _____                                                     |                                                                                                                                              |
| Transmission Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Antilock Brakes                                                                                                                                                                               | Restraint System                                                                                                                                                                                              | Cruise Control                                                         | Drive Train                                                                                                                                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel                                          |
| Vehicle Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Body Style                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                                                              |

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Component<br>12111000 | Part Name(s)<br>INTERIOR SYSTEMS: PASSENGER RESTRAINTS: AIR BAG: FRONT.           | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure<br>1    | Date(s) of Failure(s) 26-SEP-2001<br>Failure(s) 16223<br>Mileage at Failure(s) 20 | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured<br>1 | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damage | Reported to Police<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

717905

Work Number

Home Number

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YES ☒ NO ☐

Date 10/09/01

Signature of Owner

## VEHICLE INFORMATION

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| FILL IN                                                                                                                                                       | BMW                                                                                       | 325i                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 200                                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                         |
| Purchase Date<br>Aug. 24, 01                                                                                                                                  | Dealer's Name <u>BMW Classic</u>                                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) <u>5</u>                                                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                         | City <u>Richardson</u> State <u>TX</u> Zip Code <u>75234</u>                              | No. Cylinders <u>4</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                         |
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| No. of Failures<br>1  | Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>26-SEP-2001</u><br>Mileage at Failure(s) <u>16223</u><br>Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>20</u> | Failed Part(s)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                     | NHTSA Previously<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                |

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|                                                                              |                                                                             |                           | N/A                  | N/A                       |                                                                                           |

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Fold to show Return Address (no stamp needed) Fasten with tape or staple and mail

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)

While traveling N. on Bonnie View in Dallas, my husband and I experienced a loud sudden explosion. I made immediately concerned the inside of the car constantly after the loud sound. We realized the right-side airbags had deployed, ~~shook~~ The airbags struck my head, and right ~~2034010002~~ ~~There~~ ~~no~~ ~~any~~ other injuries.

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Date

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Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN)

(Located at bottom of  
windshield on driver's side)

NBAAB 334 81FU83108

FILL IN

Vehicle Make

BMW

Vehicle Model

325i

Vehicle Year

2001

Current Odometer Reading

Purchase Date

Dealer's Name

Engine Size

(CID/CC/L)

No. Cylinders

☐ Turbo☐ Diesel☐ Gas☐ Fuel Injection☒ New☐ Used

City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Restraint System

Cruise Control

Drive Train

Vehicle Type

Body Style

☐ Manual☐ Yes☐ 3-Point Belt☐ Motorbelt☒ Yes☐ Front☐ Sport Util☐ 2-Door☐ Automatic☒ No☐ Driverside Airbag☐ 2-Point Belt☐ No☐ Rear☐ Truck☐ 4-Door☐ Passengerside Airbag☐ 4-Wheel☐ Minivan☐ Motorcycle☐ Stationwagon☐ Pick Up Truck☐ Other

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Component  
12111000

Part Name(s)

INTERIOR SYSTEMS: PASSENGER RESTRAINTS: AIR BAG: FRONT

Location

☐ Left☐ Right☐ Front☐ Rear

Failed Part(s)

☐ Original☐ Replacement

No. of Failure

1

Date(s) of

26-SEP-2001

Failure(s)

16223

Mileage at Failure(s)

20

Failed

Part(s)

☐ Yes☐ No

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Previously

☐ Yes☐ No

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Crash

☐ Yes☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Fatalities

Estimated Property Damage

Reported to Police

☐ Yes☒ No

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