



Vehicle Inspectorate

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From: Vehicle Safety Branch

The Managing Director
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Our Ref: VSD 19315
10 November, 2000

Dear The Managing Director,

PILGRIM CARS Sumo - VEHICLE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY COMPROMISED DISTORTION AND SUBSEQUENT FAILURE OF SUSPENSION COMPONENTS

This Branch of the Vehicle Inspectorate is responsible for the investigation of vehicle and component failures where there are possible safety implications as a result of defects in design or manufacture. This role is carried out under the terms of various Codes of Practice, a copy of the relevant Code is enclosed.

Please find enclosed a copy of a report relating to the above concerns. I believe these concerns may involve safety defects as defined within the terms of the Code of Practice. I would therefore, appreciate your assistance to establish:

1. Your opinion as to the cause of the concerns?
2. The number of similar cases of which you are aware?
3. Details of any service information which you have distributed on this subject?
4. An indication of the number of vehicles/units which may be affected?
5. Whether you accept that there is a safety defect?

In view of the possible safety significance of this concern, I look forward to your response at your earliest convenience. I would appreciate the return of the photograph, to this branch when your investigations are complete.

Yours sincerely

Andrew M Tudor

Enc. Report, Photographs, Independent Experts Report & Code of Practice.





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VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT REPORT IN CONFIDENCE

IMPORTANT: *This report will be copied to the manufacturer.
Please ensure that it is factual and complete.*

Report Source	
External Title:	Mr
External Name:	Mr Filby
External Address Line 1:	18A Parkgate Road
External City/Town:	REIGATE
External Post Code:	RH2 7JU

Owner / Operator Details	
Contact Name:	Mr P J Filby
Address:	18A Parkgate Road
Post Town:	REIGATE
Post Code:	RH2 7JD
Telephone:	Work - 01737 222030

Vehicle / Component Details			
Date of your inspection:	01/09/2000	Investigation Type:	CAR
Vehicle / Component Make:	Pilgrim /	Specific Model:	Sumo Mk 3 (Ford Sierra based)
Reg No. / Trailer ID:	C383 YKK	Year of Manufacture:	1998
Full Chassis / VIN No.:	SABTVRO3638075834	Odometer Reading:	5000 Miles
		Seating Capacity:	2
Type of Use:	Private		

Vehicle Service History	
Evidence of a recognised Manufacturers Service History:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No

Component Details Is the component original to the vehicle:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Known
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Defect Details	
Likely Cause:	Design
Hazard Assessment:	Potential safety risk
Was there an accident:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Precise defect description and its effects:	Inadequate strength in chassis and suspension components. Loss of vehicle control and stability possible.

Facts relating to defect:	No attached independent report.
Concerns	
1. Defect Description:	VEHICLE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY COMPROMISED
2. Defect Description:	DISTORTION AND SUBSEQUENT FAILURE OF SUSPENSION COMPONENTS

Supporting Evidence	
Parts :	
Are the parts available for examination by the manufacturer:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Please give reason why:	See report for full details.
Photographs :	
Are photographs available:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are photographs VI property:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No
Does the owner require the photographs to be returned on the conclusion of the investigation:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Are the photos being sent to VSB:	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Date to be dispatched to VSB:	02/11/2000
Other Evidence :	
Copies of reports or other similar recorded incidents:	<input type="radio"/> None <input checked="" type="radio"/> Being sent under separate cover
Details:	Engineers Reports
Date to be dispatched to VSB:	02/11/2000

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~~SHORPED SPEED FOOT~~

Bent wishbone on Pilgrim Sumo
Photo taken by P.J. FUBY
Sept/Oct 2000

