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ERROR: column "wheel_count" of relation "cars" contains null values



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Default column values



Columns with default values can be omitted from INSERT

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VALUES (2020, 'Nissan', 'Altima');



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