



U.S. Department
of Transportation
National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OFFICE
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City **MEBANE** State **NC** Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date **01/13/03**

VEHICLE INFORMATION

[REDACTED]		Make FORD	Model EXPLORER SPORT	Model Year 2002
Date Purchased 7/4/2002	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number CAPITAL FORD, INC 919-790-4600		Engine: No. of Cylinders 6	Fuel Type: GASOLINE
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City RALIGH	State NC	Zip Code 27658	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control	Powertrain REAR-WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 220000 SEATS	
Multiple Failure:				

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 10-NOV-2002	Failure Mileage	Failure Speed 45
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ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make	Tire Model (Name or Number)	Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)	☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair	Failure Location:
Tire Component Code	Tire Failure Type	

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:	Date Manufactured:	Model No./Name:
Seat Type:	Installation System:	
Child Seat Component Code:	Failed Part:	

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash ☒ Yes ☐ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured 2	Number of Deaths 0	Reported to Police YES
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure;
i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

VEHICLE WAS STOPPED IN TRAFFIC AND THEN REAR-ENDED BY ANOTHER CAR TRAVELING APPROXIMATELY 45MPH. BOTH THE FRONT DRIVER AND PASSENGER SEATS BROKE AND COLLAPSED BACKWARD. TS

SEVERE KNEE INJURIES OCCURRED TO DRIVER WHEN HE WAS THROWN BACK AND KNEES HIT DASH/STEERING COLUMN.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.