



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
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [Redacted]
Address [Redacted]
City WOODLAND HILLS State CA Zip Code [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number [Redacted] E-mail Address [Redacted]
Evening Telephone Number [Redacted]

Do you authorize NHTSA to contact the manufacturer of your vehicle?
In the absence of an owner's signature, please print the name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. **YES**
Signature of Owner [Redacted] Date 8/8/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1GKEC13T31R168614 Make GMC Model YUKON Model Year 2001

Date Purchased 3/2001 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Flying GMC
Original Owner Dealer's City Plano State TX Zip Code [Redacted] Engine No: Cylinders 8 Fuel Type: Gas

Transmission Type Auto Antilock Brakes Powertrain Cruise Control
Vehicle Component Code 190000 TIRES
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 27-JUL-2003 Failure Mileage 24,000 Failure Speed 65

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

The Make FIRESTONE Tire Model (Name or Number) WILDERNESS LE Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 265/70R16
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036) Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: San Diego Freeway - 405 S
The Component Code 190000 TIRES The Failure Type

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

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

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 [Redacted] Number of Deaths [Redacted] Reported to Police N

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).

THE REAR DRIVER SIDE TIRE BLEWOUT WHILE DRIVING 65 MPH. FIRESTONE WILDERNESS LE TIRE. *AK

The Gal dealer has replaced the one tire that blew-up... with another Firestone Wilderness LE... we will purchasing (4) new Goodyear tires next week.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Recall Issues.

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 Administration and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your responses 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 an investigative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Thank God no one was hurt when this tire blew-up. If the front-left had blown instead of the left-rear, this would have been a VERY different situation. If it had been rush-hour and five lanes of traffic going 60-70- or 80 MPH bumper to bumper this would have been very, very bad. I have enclosed pictures of the tire. We have absolutely NO faith in the Firestone tires -- and we intend to buy four brand new Goodyears next week.

Thank you for your time and help.

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