



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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10034573

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

CLOVERDALE

State CA

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NH
In the absence of an
Signature of Owner

to the manufacturer of your vehicle? YES NO
Provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Date 7/14/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
NOT AVAILABLE

Make
FORD

Model
F150

Model Year
1995

Date Purchased

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

PURCHASED USED

Engine:
No. Cylinders
8

Fuel Type:
DIESEL

Original Owner

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Transmission Type

Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

AUTO

Cruise Control

4x4

Vehicle Component Code
190000 TIRES

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

7-18-03

Failure Message

117985

Failure Speed

60

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make
BRIDGESTONE

Tire Model (Name or Number)
DESERT DUELER AT

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)
285/75R16 LOAD RANGE D

DOT No. (Example: DOTMA19ABC136)

EJLFCCB159

Original Equipment
 Prior Repair

Failure Location: HIGHWAY 101, SONOMA COUNTY

Tire Component Code

191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT

Tire Failure Type TREAD SEPO

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

Number of Deaths

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).

LEFT REAR DUELLER ENTIRE TIRE TREAD SEPARATED WITHOUT WARNING. CONSUMER HEARD A POP, AND THE LEFT SIDE OF THE VEHICLE WENT TO THE GROUND. BRIDGESTONE HAD BEEN CONTACTED. *AK

23,000 MILES ON TIRE. NO REPAIRS IN TIRE. I HAVE WORKED AT A COMMERCIAL TIRE DEALERSHIP FOR OVER 25 YEARS. I INSPECTED THE TIRE & FOUND NO SIGNS OF A PENETRATION. THERE WERE NO SIGNS OF LOW AIR PRESSURE IN THE APPEARANCE OR THE SHOULDER AND INNER LINER OF THE TIRE. WE CARRY A (OVER)

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

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) 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 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.

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

CAMPER ON THE TRUCK. THE REAL AXLE WEIGHT LOADED IS 6,200 POUNDS WHICH IS WITHIN THE SPECIFICATIONS OF THE TRAILER. THEY ARE MOUNTED ON 16 X 8 WHEELS. THE 2 REPAIR ESTIMATES FOR THE DAMAGE ARE \$5,700 AND \$6,738.

IN JUNE 2003 MY WIFE HAD A REAR TIRE GO FLAT. SHE WAS ONLY DRIVING ABOUT 25 MPH. I NOTICED STEEL BELT EDGES STICKING THRU THE TREAD, BUT THOUGHT PERHAPS RUNNING FLAT FOR 1/2 TO FEET HAD CAUSED THAT. AFTER THE SECOND TIRE FAILED, I BEGAN TO WONDER IF THE BELT WAS BEGINING TO FAIL ON THE FIRST TIRE ALSO. SINCE WE WERE OVER 100 MILES FROM HOME, I PURCHASED A USED TIRE FOR THE TRUCK AND HAD THE DEALER DISPOSE OF THE OLD TIRE.

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