



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
(1-888-327-4238)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City ROCKBRIDGE

State OH

Zip Code

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 authorized signature, please print your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 10/19/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number (located on vehicle or available on driver's side)
3FAPP1SJ

Make
FORD

Model
ESCORT

Model Year
1992

Date Purchased

AUG 1999

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

DON WOOD FORD

(USED)

Engine:

No. Cylinders

4

Fuel Type:

GAS

Original Owner

Dealer's City

ATHENS

State

OHIO

Zip Code

45701

Transmission Type

☐ Automatic

☐ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

114200 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM; WIRING; INTERIOR/UNDER DASH

Multiple Failures: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
09-SEP-2003

Failure Mileage
102,239

Failure Speed
30 MPH

SEE ATTACHED

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R16)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036)

☐ 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:

Installation System:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

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

Crash

Fire

Number of Persons Injured

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

☐ Yes ☒ No

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

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).

WHILE DRIVING DASHBOARD STARTED SMOKING. THIS CAUSED THE DRIVER TO PULL OVER, AND VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO THE REPAIR SHOP.

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THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT HAPPENED TO THIS CAR. IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN RECALLED - PLEASE CALL GARAGE FOR INFORMATION - HAD CAR NOT BEEN SHUT OFF IT WOULD HAVE BURNT UP.

ENCLOSURE SEE RECALL SHEET. THANK YOU Com Xiluy

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.

Powertrain Management: Recalls

Overview of Program 94B55

September, 1994

TO: All Ford and Lincoln-Mercury Dealers

SUBJECT:
Owner Notification Program 94B55 - Fuel Pump/Sender Electrical Circuit Modification on Certain 1991-1994 Escort and Tracer Cars

OASIS - Yes
OWNER LIST - Yes
PARTS RETURN - No
PROGRAM TIMING - There are NO time limitations for this program.

AFFECTED VEHICLES

1991-1994 Escort and Tracer cars produced from Job # 1, 1991 through June 17, 1994 at the Wayne Assembly Plant and from Job # 1, 1991 through June 28, 1994 at the Hermosillo Assembly Plant that were originally sold or are currently registered in the following states: Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, New Hampshire, New York, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Vermont and Wisconsin.

REASON FOR THIS PROGRAM

Salt water intrusion between the fuel pump/sender wiring harness connector and fuel pump/sender flange may cause electrolytic corrosion resulting in an electrical short circuit. The corrosion is the result of heavy use of calcium and sodium chloride salts for road dust and ice control in the above noted states. Should a short circuit occur, the instrument cluster gauges may act erratically, the driver may see or smell smoke inside the passenger compartment due to the wiring overheating and the fuel pump may stop operating.

SERVICE ACTION

Owners of affected cars will be asked to return their cars to their dealer for installation of a fused jumper harness in the fuel pump/sender electrical circuit. Should a short circuit occur after the jumper is installed, the jumper harness fuse for the fuel gauge will blow preventing a stalled vehicle and overheating damage to the wiring harness while causing the fuel gauge to peg past full. If the driver should continue to operate the vehicle for a long period of time with a blown gauge fuse, eventually the jumper harness fuse for the fuel pump will open causing the fuel pump to stop functioning.

If an owner whose vehicle is not listed in OASIS believes his/her vehicle should have been included, or this condition is observed in a vehicle not covered by this action, dealers are to contact their district office for approval and submit the 1863 claim under this program to obtain reimbursement.

FUTURE REPAIR PROCEDURE

If a vehicle with the jumper harness installed should develop a short circuit at the fuel pump/sender flange, the fuel gauge fuse in the jumper harness will open causing the fuel gauge to peg past full. To repair this condition, refer to the appropriate Technical Service Bulletin for the future.

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For owner-paid repairs made before the date of the Owner Letter or after the date of the Owner Letter if an emergency repair was made on the selling dealer.

ITEMS

I
Administrative Information
and Codes

II
Allowances
Ordering Information

**THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS
DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED
TO PROTECT UNWARRANTED
INVASION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY
PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION 6 OF
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).**