



U.S. Department
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National Highway
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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

Address

City
BROOKLYN

State NY

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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1FMDU34X4NU080181

Make
FORD

Model
EXPLORER

Model Year
1992

Date Purchased

1998

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Original Owner

☐

Dealer's City

State

Zip Code

Engine:
No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Transmission Type
MANUAL

☐ Antilock Brakes
☐ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code
071100 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

Failure Mileage
80000

Failure Speed

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: DOTM1AL9ABC036)

☐ 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

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

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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).

FUEL TANK WAS LEAKING GASOLINE. DEALER DID NOT FIND WHAT CAUSED THE LEAK, BUT INDICATED TO THE CONSUMER THAT THE FUEL TANK SHOULD BE REPLACED. *AK

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.

Please feel free to use my name to make a difference for consumers,

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

I was a service writer for BMW-PORCHE of Princeton and I sold cars for Alpine Motors of Brooklyn, NY. When I first started smelling gasoline I had the car checked. The mechanics looked under the hood but could not find a source. I drove around for approximately one month with a gas tank leak. In all my years of working in the car business I never heard of gas tank leaking. A hazardous key component should never have to be replaced - especially when we have the technology to make plastics that are stronger than steel. What's most disturbing is that I drove around with my 5yr old with this detected gas tank. Static electricity is all that is needed to cause an explosion. When I spoke with Popular Ford of Bklyn - I asked the Service Mgr if this was a common occurrence - he explained that he replaced 2 Ford Explorer gas tanks that week. This is not a recall item. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY
There is absolutely no peace of mind in driving a FORD!!! A change is needed for the consumers safety!!!

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