



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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Reference No.
10057238

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

HOUSTON

State

TX

Zip Code

Vehicle Identification 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 02/15/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

Make

FORD

Model

CONTOUR

Model Year

1999

Date Purchased
12-MAR-99

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Randall Reed Ford - 281-446-9171

Engine:

No. Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

HOUSTON

State

TEX

Zip Code

77333

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

☒ Cruise Control

Vehicle Component Code

140000 AIR BAGS

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

5-10-03

Failure Mileage

99,000

Failure Speed

45mi

Air bags (Driver + passenger)

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: DOTM18ABC03B)

☐ 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(es).)

Crash

☒ Yes ☐ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

3

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

Y

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 SITTING AT A STOP SIGN ANOTHER VEHICLE REAR ENDED CONSUMER'S VEHICLE. IN RETURN, CONSUMER'S VEHICLE REAR ENDED A BUS. UPON IMPACT, NONE OF THE AIRBAGS DEPLOYED. *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.

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

I was not stopped at a stop sign. I was sitting idle behind a city bus waiting for bus to let out its passengers. So that I may make a right turn on the street on which I lived on. The vehicle that hit me was going at a high rate of speed and could not stop or did not see me and rear-ended me and I rear-ended the bus ahead of me and knocked me forward and then backwards. I was knocked into the back seat of my car with such force that it broke my drivers seat in my car. I was cut out of the car to be freed from my car by the fire department and was rushed to the hospital with a skull fracture. I have included photos, police report and response from Ford Consumer Product Co. when I filed a claim with them.

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U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
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400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Official Business
Penalty for Private Use \$300

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-216
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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UNITED STATES

**VEHICLE
OWNER'S
QUESTIONNAIRE**

DOT AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE

TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECTS
COMPLETE THIS FORM
OR

DASH2DOT

and dial toll free at

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1-888-327-4236

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
(DASH) 2 DOT



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National Highway Traffic Safety
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<http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline>

PLACE WHERE ACCIDENT OCCURRED

COUNTY HARRIS CITY OR TOWN HOUSTON

IF ACCIDENT WAS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, INDICATE DISTANCE FROM NEAREST TOWN _____ MILES NORTH S E W OF _____ CITY OR TOWN _____

ROAD ON WHICH ACCIDENT OCCURRED 6400 MESA ROAD N/A CONSTR. ZONE ☐ YES ☒ NO SPEED LIMIT 35

INTERSECTING STREET OR HWY X'ING NUMBER _____ CONSTR. ZONE ☐ YES ☒ NO SPEED LIMIT _____

NOT AT INTERSECTION ☐ YES ☒ NO

STREET OR ROAD NAME _____ ROUTE NUMBER OR STREET CODE _____

IF ACCIDENT OCCURRED AT INTERSECTION, INDICATE STREET OR ROAD NAME, IF NONE, INDICATE NEAREST INTERSECTION STREET AND REFERENCE POINT.

FILE COPY

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE

BPS NO. _____

LOC. _____

CODE _____

SEVERITY _____

FAT. REC. _____

DR. REC. _____

DATE OF ACCIDENT 08-10-2003 DAY OF WEEK THURSDAY HOUR 4:50 ☒ A.M. IF EXACTLY NOON OR P.M. MIDNIGHT, SO STATE

UNIT NO. 1 - MOTOR VEHICLE VEHICLE IDENT. NO. 193GR47486 IF BODY STYLE = VAN OR BUS, INDICATE SEATING CAPACITY _____

YEAR MODEL 1986 COLOR & MAKE BLUE/OLAS MODEL NAME CUTLASS SUPRA BODY STYLE 2DR. LICENSE NO. 1/03 TX

DRIVER'S NAME [REDACTED] ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) HOUSTON TX PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

DRIVER'S LICENSE TX DOB 09-06-77 RACE B SEX M OCCUPATION STEEL WORKER

SPECIMEN TAKEN (ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS) 1-BREATH 2-BLOOD 3-OTHER 4-NONE 5-REFUSED ☒ 4 ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS RESULT NONE PEACE OFFICER, EMS DRIVER, FIRE FIGHTER ON EMERGENCY? ☐ YES ☒ NO

LESSOR ☒ SAME AS DRIVER NAME (ALWAYS SHOW LESSEE IF LESSEE, OTHERWISE SHOW OWNER) ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) _____

LIABILITY INSURANCE ☒ YES ☐ NO MERCURY COUNTY MUTUAL INS. CO. TX, 01087648 VEHICLE DAMAGE RATING FD-2

UNIT NO. 2 - ☒ MOTOR VEHICLE ☐ TRAIN ☐ PERALCYCLIST ☐ TOWED ☐ PEDESTRIAN ☐ OTHER ☐ VEHICLE IDENT. NO. 1FAP6632X IF BODY STYLE = VAN OR BUS, INDICATE SEATING CAPACITY _____

YEAR MODEL 1999 COLOR & MAKE WHITE/FORD MODEL NAME CONTOUR BODY STYLE 4DR. LICENSE NO. 1/04 TX

DRIVER'S NAME [REDACTED] ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) HOUSTON TX PHONE NUMBER [REDACTED]

DRIVER'S LICENSE TX DOB 11-30-95 RACE B SEX F OCCUPATION DISABLED

SPECIMEN TAKEN (ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS) 1-BREATH 2-BLOOD 3-OTHER 4-NONE 5-REFUSED ☒ 4 ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS RESULT NONE PEACE OFFICER, EMS DRIVER, FIRE FIGHTER ON EMERGENCY? ☐ YES ☒ NO

LESSOR ☒ SAME AS DRIVER NAME (ALWAYS SHOW LESSEE IF LESSEE, OTHERWISE SHOW OWNER) ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) _____

LIABILITY INSURANCE ☒ YES ☐ NO ALLSTATE 638262399 03/30 VEHICLE DAMAGE RATING BD-3/FD-2

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OTHER THAN VEHICLES NONE

DATE AND ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, STATE, ZIP) OF OWNER _____

VEHICLE DAMAGE RATING _____

LIGHT CONDITION 1 WEATHER 1 SURFACE CONDITION 1 TYPE ROAD SURFACE 2

1-BAYLIGHT 2-RAIN 3-DARK-NOT LIGHTED 4-DARK-LIGHTED 5-DARK

1-CLOUDY 2-RAINING 3-SNOWING 4-FOG 5-BLOWING DUST

6-SMOKE 7-SLEETING 8-HIGH WINDS 9-OTHER

1-DRY 2-WET 3-MUDDY 4-SNOWY/ICY 5-OTHER

1-BLACKTOP 2-CONCRETE 3-GRAVEL 4-SHELL 5-DIRT 6-OTHER

DESCRIBE ROAD CONDITIONS (INVESTIGATOR'S OPINION) NOT A FACTOR

IN YOUR OPINION, DID THIS ACCIDENT RESULT IN AT LEAST \$1,000.00 DAMAGE TO ANY ONE PERSON'S PROPERTY? ☒ YES ☐ NO

CHARGE FILED

NAME [REDACTED] CHARGE FAILED TO CONTROL SPEED (ACC.) CITATION NUMBER 081338746

NAME _____ CHARGE _____ CITATION NUMBER _____

TIME NOTIFIED OF ACCIDENT 04-10-2003 5:02 P M HOW METRO DISPATCHED 5:13 P M

TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT 04-10-2003 DATE

TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF INVESTIGATOR WHEELER DANIEL G. DATE REPORT MADE 09-10-2003 IS REPORT COMPLETE ☒ YES ☐ NO

SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR [Signature] ID NO. 902553 DEPARTMENT METRO P.D. DIST/AREA 3

MTA#03-3193

PLACE WHERE ACCIDENT OCCURRED		LOC. _____	
COUNTY <u>Harris</u>	CITY OR TOWN <u>Houston</u>		
IF ACCIDENT WAS OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS, INDICATE DISTANCE FROM NEAREST TOWN _____ MILES NORTH S E W OF _____ CITY OR TOWN			
ROAD ON WHICH ACCIDENT OCCURRED <u>8400 MESA ROAD N/B</u>		CONSTR. ZONE ☒ YES ☒ NO SPEED LIMIT <u>35</u>	
INTERSECTING STREET OR HWY 211/212 NUMBER _____		CONSTR. ZONE ☒ YES ☒ NO SPEED LIMIT _____	
MET AT INTERSECTION ☒ T ☒ Y ☒ I ☒ S ☒ E ☒ W ☒ O			
DATE OF ACCIDENT <u>04-10-2003</u> DAY OF WEEK <u>THURSDAY</u> HOUR <u>4:50</u> ☒ A.M. IF EXACTLY NOON OR P.M. MIDNIGHT, SO STATE			

UNIT NO. <u>3</u> - MOTOR VEHICLE	VEHICLE IDENT. NO. <u>1H9916022M</u>	IF BODY STYLE - VAN OR BUS, INDICATE SEATING CAPACITY <u>40</u>
YEAR <u>2001</u> COLOR <u>WHITE</u> MAKE <u>PEACARUS</u> MODEL <u>416.02</u> BODY STYLE <u>40'BUS</u>	LICENSE PLATE <u>TX 77</u>	PHONE NUMBER _____
DRIVER'S NAME _____	DRIVER'S LICENSE <u>TX</u> <u>B2C</u> <u>01-19-52</u> RACE <u>B</u> SEX <u>SELF</u> OCCUPATION <u>BUS OPERATOR</u>	PEACE OFFICER, EMS DRIVER, FIRE FIGHTER OR EMERGENCY? ☐ YES ☒ NO
SPECIMEN TAKEN (ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS) 1-BREATH 2-BLOOD 3-OTHER 4-NONE 5-REFUSED ☒ 4 ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS RESULT <u>NONE</u>		
LESSOR OWNER ☒ <u>METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY 1201 LOUISIANA HOUSTON, TEXAS 77208</u>		
LIABILITY INSURANCE ☒ YES ☒ NO <u>SELF INSURED</u>	VEHICLE DAMAGE RATING <u>BD-1</u>	

UNIT NO. <u>2</u> - MOTOR VEHICLE ☐ TRAIN ☐ PEDESTAL CYCLIST ☐	VEHICLE IDENT. NO. _____	IF BODY STYLE - VAN OR BUS, INDICATE SEATING CAPACITY _____
YEAR _____ COLOR _____ MAKE _____ MODEL _____ BODY STYLE _____	LICENSE PLATE _____	PHONE NUMBER _____
DRIVER'S NAME _____	DRIVER'S LICENSE _____	OCCUPATION _____
SPECIMEN TAKEN (ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS) 1-BREATH 2-BLOOD 3-OTHER 4-NONE 5-REFUSED ☐ ALCOHOL/DRUG ANALYSIS RESULT _____		
LESSOR OWNER ☐ _____		
LIABILITY INSURANCE ☐ YES ☐ NO _____	VEHICLE DAMAGE RATING _____	

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY OTHER THAN VEHICLES <u>NONE</u>	ESTIMATE _____
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LIGHT CONDITION ☒ 1	WEATHER ☒ 1	SURFACE CONDITION ☒ 1	TYPE ROAD SURFACE ☒ 2	DESCRIBE ROAD CONDITIONS (INVESTIGATOR'S OPINION) <u>NOT A FACTOR</u>
1-DAYLIGHT 2-DAWN 3-DARK-NOT LIGHTED 4-DARK-LIGHTED 5-DUSK	1-CLOUDY 2-RAMING 3-SHOWING 4-FOG 5-SLOWING DUST	1-DRY 2-WET 3-SLUDGY 4-SNOWY/ICE 5-OTHER	1-BLACKTOP 2-CONCRETE 3-GRAVEL 4-SHELL 5-DIRT 6-OTHER	

IN YOUR OPINION, DID THIS ACCIDENT RESULT IN AT LEAST \$1,000.00 DAMAGE TO ANY ONE PERSON'S PROPERTY? ☒ YES ☐ NO	
CHARGE FILED NAME _____ CHARGE <u>FAILED TO CONTROL SPEED (ACC.)</u> CITATION NUMBER <u>084338746</u>	
NAME _____ CHARGE _____ CITATION NUMBER _____	

TIME NOTIFIED OF ACCIDENT <u>04-10-2003 5:02 P</u> IN NOW <u>METRO DISPATCHED</u>	TIME ARRIVED AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT <u>04-10-2003 5:13 P</u>
TYPED OR PRINTED NAME OF INVESTIGATOR <u>INVEZER DANIEL G.</u>	DATE REPORT MADE <u>04-10-2003</u> IS REPORT COMPLETE ☒ YES ☐ NO
SIGNATURE OF INVESTIGATOR <u>[Signature]</u>	ID NO. <u>902953</u> DEPARTMENT <u>METROP.D.</u> DIST/AREA <u>3</u>

PLACE WHERE ACCIDENT OCCURRED				CASE NUMBER	
COUNTY HARRIS	CITY OR TOWN HOUSTON		CASE NUMBER MTA#		
IF ACCIDENT WAS OUTSIDE HARRIS COUNTY, INDICATE:	COUNTY	TYPE MAJOR Auto/Auto/BUS	DISTRICT 3	DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE	
ROAD ON WHICH ACCIDENT OCCURRED:	BLOCK NO.	STREET OR ROAD	ROUTE NO. OR STREET CODE	LOCAL NO.	
		5400 MESA ROAD N/B		DPS NO.	
			Under Constr. ☐ Yes ☒ No	LOC.	
			Speed Limit 35	FAT. REC.	
COMPLETE ONE:	INTERSECTING STREET	BLOCK NO.	ROUTE NO. OR STREET CODE	DR. REC.	
			Under Constr. ☐ Yes ☒ No	CODE	
	NOT AT INTERSECTION			SEVERITY	
	FIRST ☐ MILES ☐ North ☐ S ☐ E ☐ W ☐ OF			TYPE	
(Show adjacent or nearest numbered intersections.)					
DATE OF ACCIDENT	04-10-	2003	THURSDAY	9:50	☐ AM ☒ PM (If exactly Noon or Midnight, so state.)
UNIT NO. 1 Business Address:	UNIT NO. 2 Business Address:		Phone:		
	NONE		NONE		
UNIT NO. 1 REMARKS:			UNIT NO. 2 REMARKS:		
I was traveling north on mesa Drive the bus yield. The white car stop. I hit the back in. Of it. 04/10/2003			I WAS SLOWING DOWN BECAUSE THE METRO BUS IN FRONT OF ME WAS SLOWING DOWN TO STOP. ALL OF A SUDDEN I WAS HIT FROM BEHIND. NONE OFFICER TOOK I WROTE STATEMENTS DUE TO DRIVER NOT ABLE TO SEE BECAUSE OF VISION PROBLEMS.		

8400 METTA ROAD N/B

LANE #1 S/B

SHOULDER

LANE #1 N/B

SHOULDER

BUS STOP SIGN

NOTE: NOT TO SCALE

FIRST POINT OF CONTACT

SECOND POINT OF CONTACT

28. SIGNATURE R. D. [Signature] # 903463 MURDO RD DIST. 3 DATE THIS SUPPLEMENT MADE 09 10-2003

Stock #:A304102

Associated Storage
3651 Jensen
Houston, TX 77026
(713)228-5519

Notification Letter
Date:4/14/2003

THIS IS NOT A RECEIPT

Texas Department of Transportation VSF License, No. 0513379VSF
Vehicles available for release within one (1) hour of notice, 24 hours a day

(Registered Owner of Vehicle from MVR response) (Registered Lien Holder from MVR response)
[REDACTED] FORD MOTOR CREDIT COMPANY
P O BOX 105704
HOUSTON, TX [REDACTED] ATLANTA, GA 30348

This vehicle storage facility is in possession of a 1999 Ford Contour bearing TX license plate H67KWF and Vehicle Identification number 1FAFP6634X[REDACTED]

This vehicle tow was authorized by HPD/ACC from 8408 MESA, and accepted for storage on 04/10/2003 at 06:20p. The vehicle was towed by Snaps, Unit #444, 9846 Balsam, Houston, TX 77078.

Daily Storage Rate	\$15.00 per day
Tow Fee	\$83.00
Impound Fee	\$10.00
Notification Fee	\$32.00
Other Fees	\$0.00
Sales Tax on Storage & Impound Fee	8.25%

You are advised that you may recover the vehicle by providing proof of ownership, photo identification, and paying all charges. Total storage charges cannot be computed until vehicle is claimed. The storage charge will accrue daily until the vehicle is released. Vehicle Reference number is A304102 when talking with Vehicle Storage Facility Personnel.

Chapter 685. Rights of Owners and Operators of Stored Vehicles

685.001. Definitions.

In this chapter:

(1) "Vehicle storage facility" has the meaning assigned by the Vehicle Storage Facility Act, Article 6852-0a, Revised Statutes; (2) "Towing company" and "vehicle" have the meanings assigned by Section 685.001.

685.002. Payment of cost of removal and storage of vehicle.

(a) If a towing company has the vehicle under this chapter, the owner or operator of the vehicle, with probable cause, the removal and storage of a vehicle in a vehicle storage facility of a vehicle, the person who requested the towing shall pay the cost of the removal and storage. If it is a towing company under this chapter, the owner or operator of the vehicle, with probable cause, the removal and storage of a vehicle in a vehicle storage facility of a vehicle, the person or his authorized agency that authorized the removal shall (1) pay the cost of the removal and storage or (2) authorize the owner or operator of the vehicle to pay the cost of the removal and storage.

685.003. Right of owner or operator of vehicle to hearing.

The owner or operator of a vehicle that has been removed and placed in a vehicle storage facility without the consent of the owner or operator of the vehicle is entitled to a hearing on whether probable cause existed for the removal and placement.

685.004. Jurisdiction.

(a) A hearing under this chapter is held in the justice of the peace or a magistrate in whose jurisdiction is the location from which the vehicle was removed, except as provided by Subsection (3). (b) In a municipality with a population of 1,200,000 or more, a hearing under this chapter is held in a justice of the peace or a magistrate in whose jurisdiction is the location from which the vehicle was removed.

685.005. Notice to vehicle owner or operator.

(a) If a towing company has the vehicle under this chapter, the owner or operator of a vehicle pays the cost of the vehicle's removal or storage, the towing company or vehicle storage facility that received the payment shall at the time of payment give the owner or operator written notice of the owner's rights under this chapter. (b) The operator of a vehicle storage facility that sends a notice under Subsection 13, Vehicle Storage Facility Act (Article 6852-0a, Revised Statutes), shall include with that notice a notice of the owner's rights under this chapter.

685.006. Contents of notice.

(a) The notice under Subsection 13(a) must include: (1) a statement of (A) the person's right to submit a request within 14 days for a hearing to determine whether probable cause existed to remove the vehicle; (B) the information that a request for a hearing must include; and (C) any filing fee for the hearing; (2) the name, address, and telephone number of the towing company that removed the vehicle; (3) the location from which the vehicle was removed; (4) the date when the vehicle was removed; (5) the date, address, and telephone number of one or more of the appropriate magistrates or justices of the peace in the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was removed; (6) the name, address, and telephone number of the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed; (7) the name, address, and telephone number of the towing company that removed the vehicle; (8) a copy of any receipt or notification that the owner or operator received from the towing company or the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed; (9) the date the vehicle was removed from a parking facility; (10) one or more photographs that show the location and area of any sign posted at the facility prohibiting parking of vehicles; or (11) a statement that no sign prohibiting parking was posted at the parking facility. (b) If the towing company that removed the vehicle or the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed is not located in a municipality, the notice must include the name, address, and telephone number of (1) the municipality in which the vehicle was removed or (2) the justice of the peace or the magistrate in whose jurisdiction the vehicle was removed.

685.007. Request for hearing.

(a) Except as provided by Subsection (3), a person entitled to a hearing under this chapter must deliver a written request for the hearing to the court before the 14th day after the date the vehicle was removed and placed in the vehicle storage facility, including Subsection 13(a), and legal fees. (b) The request for the hearing must include: (1) the name, address, and telephone number of the towing company that removed the vehicle; (2) the location from which the vehicle was removed; (3) the date when the vehicle was removed; (4) the date, address, and telephone number of one or more of the appropriate magistrates or justices of the peace in the jurisdiction in which the vehicle was removed; (5) the name, address, and telephone number of the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed; (6) the name, address, and telephone number of the towing company that removed the vehicle; (7) a copy of any receipt or notification that the owner or operator received from the towing company or the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed; (8) the date the vehicle was removed from a parking facility; (9) one or more photographs that show the location and area of any sign posted at the facility prohibiting parking of vehicles; or (10) a statement that no sign prohibiting parking was posted at the parking facility. (c) If the towing company that removed the vehicle or the vehicle storage facility in which the vehicle was placed is not located in a municipality, the request must include the name, address, and telephone number of (1) the municipality in which the vehicle was removed or (2) the justice of the peace or the magistrate in whose jurisdiction the vehicle was removed.

685.008. Filing the written request.

The court may charge a filing fee of \$10 for a hearing under this chapter.

685.009. Hearing.

(a) A hearing under this chapter shall be held before the seventh working day after the date the court receives the request for the hearing. (b) The court shall notify the person who requested the hearing and the person or his authorized agency that authorized the removal of the vehicle of the date, time, and place of the hearing. (c) The court shall hold a hearing under this chapter to determine whether probable cause existed for the removal and placement of the vehicle. (d) The court shall make written findings of fact and a conclusion of law. (e) The court may award (1) court costs to the prevailing party, and (2) the reasonable cost of photographs submitted under Subsection 13(a) to a vehicle owner or operator who is the prevailing party.

Houston, Municipal Courts

1409 1st Street

Houston, TX 77002-5505

(713) 267-5189

Complaint may be directed to the Texas Department of Transportation, Motor Carrier Division, MCDC-CP, 126 West 11th Street, Austin, TX 78701-0001, telephone 1-800-298-1700.

SANDRA E WILLIAMS
8934 LINDA VISTA RD
HOUSTON, TX 77078

<<A304102>>



Office of the General Counsel

Ford Motor Company
Perkins Towers West
Suite 300
Three Parklane Boulevard
Dearborn, Michigan 48128-2868

January 22, 2004

[REDACTED]
Houston, TX [REDACTED]

Re: 1999 Contour

Dear Ms. [REDACTED]

Thank you for the information you submitted with respect to your claim. A review of the information you sent indicates that there was not enough frontal impact force to trigger air bag deployment. Therefore we must deny liability for this matter.

Please be advised that air bags inflate only in impacts that generate sufficient deceleration. The fact that your air bag did not activate in a collision does not mean that something is wrong with the system. Rather, it means the system determined that the crash severity was not sufficient to deploy the air bags. Air bags are designed to deploy in frontal or near frontal collisions, not rear end accidents. Also, accidents involving a rear-end collision followed by a frontal impact such as yours typically do not generate sufficient deceleration to activate the air bags. Please be advised that the main objective of the air bag supplemental restraint system is to reduce fatalities; not prevent injuries.

Should litigation ensue from this informal claim, please be advised that all necessary steps must be taken to ensure that the subject vehicle and all of its component parts are maintained and preserved for trial. Ford Motor Company has the right to inspect the vehicle and remove and test any component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(s) at the time of trial.

Sincerely,

Julie Szymanski
Claims Analyst

**ERMA MARTIN-HART
ATTORNEY AT LAW
20118 TWILIGHT CANYON
KATY, TEXAS 77449
832-265-3000-OFFICE
281-398-2688-FAX**

June 9, 2003

**Ford Motor Company
Consumer Affairs Department
P.O. Box 6248 MD-3NE-B
Dearborn, MI. 48126
RE: Sandra E. Williams**

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that this will serve as your second notice of the above-referenced client's products liability claim. As you know, the air bags in my client's 1999 Ford Contour failed to deploy upon impact during a serious automobile accident. Please be further advised that my client's car is temporarily housed at the Insurance Auto Auction located at 12575 Hiram Clarke Rd., Houston, Texas 77045. Please refer to stock number 116020 when inquiring about the car. The title to the car has been assigned to the Mercury Mutual Insurance Company as full and final settlement of my client's property damage claim against a third party. The car will not be available for your inspection for much longer, so I advise that an investigator be dispatched to the car's location in order to gather evidence regarding the products

liability claim. Thank you, and please contact this office with any questions or concerns.

Erma Martin-Hart

Attorney at Law



Office of the General Counsel

Ford Motor Company
Parklane Towers West
Suite 300
Three Parklane Boulevard
Dearborn, Michigan 48126-2688

December 2, 2003

[Redacted]
Houston, TX [Redacted]

Re: 1999 Contour

Dear Ms. [Redacted]

We acknowledge your recent contact to Ford Motor Company. Your concern has been directed to this Office for further handling. In order to evaluate this matter, we request that you provide us with all the following information by completing and returning this form:

1. Please provide a copy of each of the following documents and check the box indicating that each item is attached.
 - ☐ A copy of the police/fire report. If a police/fire report was not made, attach a separate sheet of paper providing a complete description of the incident.
 - ☐ Medical records for each person alleged injured from all treating physicians/facilities.
 - ☐ Medical bills for each person alleged injured from all treating physicians/facilities.
 - ☐ Original photographs or laser copies of the vehicle's collision/fire damage from several different angles.
 - ☐ Original photographs or laser copies of the inside of vehicle showing the steering wheel, dash and roof areas.
 - ☐ Repair estimate or repair order

OR

 - ☐ Total loss worksheet with copies of draft payments
 - ☐ Complete service history for vehicle including tune ups and oil changes.
2. For each person alleged injured provide the following: (If there are additional names continue on back.)

Name: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
Spouse's Name: deceased
DOB: 11-30-45
Soc Security: [Redacted]
Occupation: Cashier
Injury: Shoulder, Knee + Back

Name: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted]
Spouse's Name: Unmarried
DOB: 2-24-82
Soc Security: [Redacted]
Occupation: Student
Injury: Knee, forehead

3. Please specify what you believe is defective, if anything, with your vehicle.

The driver + passenger Air bag did not deploy.

4. Has the alleged defective vehicle/part been repaired or replaced? ☒ Yes ☐ No CAR WAS
TOTALLED

5. Please provide the current location of the vehicle (you may need to contact your insurance company to provide this information).

Car is temporarily housed at the Insurance Auto Auction located at 14575 Hummer Rd., Houston, Tex 77045. Stock # 116000 when inquiring about the car

6. Has an insurance company been advised of this incident? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please provide name, address and phone number of insurance company and adjuster's name and claim number.

Mercury Mutual Insurance Co. Houston, Tex 77273 R.O. Box 73085 Adjuster's name
Wheeler Duncan Claim #
WX902179-58

7. What are you seeking from Ford Motor Company in this matter? Vehicle replacement
Pain + suffering And I want to be paid for out of pocket expenses
for the injuries I suffered due to air bags not deploying.

Please note that we need all the information requested above to evaluate this matter. Your concern will not be evaluated until all the above information is submitted. Please feel free to provide any other additional information that may be helpful to us in evaluating this matter.

Once we are in receipt of all the requested information, it will be reviewed and you will be notified of our decision concerning your claim. Should you not send all of the requested information and materials within 45 days, we will assume that you are not interested in pursuing a claim and we will close our file. Please note that your vehicle will not be inspected until all the above information has been submitted and a determination has been made as to whether an inspection is warranted.

Should you decide to pursue a claim against Ford Motor Company, please be advised that all necessary steps should be taken to ensure that the subject vehicle and all of its component parts are maintained and preserved for trial. Ford Motor Company has the right to inspect the vehicle and remove and test any component part that you claim to be defective, and to be presented with the vehicle and the subject component part(s) at the time of trial.

If you propose to repair the vehicle for continued usage, such repairs may not be performed until after Ford Motor Company has inspected the vehicle and removed and tested any component part you claim to be defective or advised you in writing that it does not intend to perform such inspection and/or testing at this time. But even in that event, Ford Motor Company will insist that all components claimed to be defective are maintained and preserved for trial.

Sincerely,

Julie Szymanski
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Claims Analyst







