



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](http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline)

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**OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)**

Name: [REDACTED]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: SEDRO WOOLLEY State: WA Zip Code: [REDACTED]  
Telephone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]  
Faxing Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

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: 1/1

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 1B9TBVC84XD  
Make: BOSS HOSS Model: MOTORCYCLE Model Year: 1999  
Date Purchased: 2000 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: BOSS HOSS FACTORY Engine: V8 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: FACTORY CITY State: TN Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
Transmission Type: T SPEED  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain: TORQUE CONV - to GEARBOX Vehicle Component Code: 190000 TIRES Multiple Failure: 1

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Incident Date(s): 02-AUG-2003 Failure Mileage: 20,000 + Failure Speed: 74 MPH

**ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE**

Tire Make: PIRESTONE FIREHAWK PV-40 Tire Model (Name or Number): FIREHAWK PV-40 Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): P205/70R15  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): DOT W02M1FHV  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: CODY, WY - Hwy 14.16.20  
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: 1 Number of Deaths: 0 Reported to Police: YES

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 (e.g., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available)).

THE CONSUMER WILL PROVIDE MORE INFORMATION. THE CONSUMER ISN'T SURE IF IT'S A TIRE PROBLEMS OR THE TRANSMISSION. THE MOTORCYCLE IS BOSS HOSS YEAR 1999. \*NM

This was the third incident with same symptoms. Previously reported to manufacture with their response that this can occur under extreme conditions ie speed, road or heat, but to make some minor adjustments which I did. I never could recreate the problem and because each time there was at least 6 months between I assumed that it had been corrected. Each time the back tire would begin to vibrate and then to actually jump from side to side. I was able to stabilize the motorcycle by accelerating. On this occasion the vibration was so severe that I was not able

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)**

to correct the problem. I lost control of my motorcycle which proceeded to bounce front over rear for 312 feet while I slid 208 feet on the paved road. I was hospitalized over night and released the next afternoon. I suffered a separated collar bone which requires surgery, broken fingers, cuts contusions and major road rash. I was out of work for five months and will need to have a hip replacement associated with the accident.

This motorcycle is a 350 V8 engine and the back tire is a V rated (high speed) car tire with square edges. <sup>by 2000</sup> Boss Boss replaced this tire with a very large motorcycle <sup>7/20/05</sup> tire with rounded edges. We feel that the square edge caused the motorcycle to channel setting up this extreme vibration.

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