



DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
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INTERNET 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]

Daytime Telephone Number: [REDACTED] E-mail Address: [REDACTED]
Residence Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: / / YES NO

VEHICLE INFORMATION
17 digit vehicle Identification Number (located at bottom of windshield on driver's side): [REDACTED]
Make: BOSS HOSS Model: MOTORCYCLE Model Year: 1999
Date Purchased: 2000 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: BOSS HOSS FACTORY
Original Owner: [REDACTED] Dealer City: MARYSVILLE TN State: TN Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Transmission Type: T-SPEED Andlock Brakes Cruise Control
Powertrain: TORQUE CONV - TO GEARBOX
Vehicle Component Code: 190000 TYRES
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION
Incident Date(s): 19-FEB-2004
Failure Mileage: 20,000 + Failure Speed: 74 MPH

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE
Tire Make: FIRESTONE FIREHAWK PV-40 Tire Model (Name or Number): FIREHAWK PV-40
DOT No. (Location: DOT (MILWAUKEE, WI) DOT W0AM1PHV Original Equipment After Repair
Tire Size (Example P175/65R15): P225/70R15
Failure Location: CODY, WY - Hwy 14, 16, 20
Tire Failure Type: [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE
Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]
Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]
Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION
Crash: Yes No Fire: Yes No
Number of Persons Injured: [REDACTED] 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.
In 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 PROBLEM OR THE TRANSMISSION. THE MOTORCYCLE IS BOSS HOSS YEAR 1999. *HM
This was the third incident with same symptoms. Previously reported to manufacturer 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/DMV Disposition Report, Photos, and Repair Invoices. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.
The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) This information is requested pursuant to authority derived from the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and assigned thereto. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a field survey 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. It 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 required 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. ^{My Boss} Boss Moss replaced this tire with a very large motorcycle tire with rounded edges. We feel that the square edge caused the motorcycle to channel setting up this extreme vibration.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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URGENT - NHTSA RESEARCH: Please advise me of the status of my 3 requests. I have heard nothing from NHTSA about any of these requests and wonder why. Please answer via e-mail [REDACTED] I am trying to research the Firestone tire for the attached accident report, PV-40, which you will receive today in the mail which is being submitted by Chris Skeels, who had the accident. Thanks. Jeanne B. Clark on March 09, 2004.

FAX TRANSMISSION SHEET

Please deliver the following to: 3 INFORMATION REQUESTS PLACED TO U.S. Dept. of Transportation, NHTSA, Office of Defects Investigation, NSA-10.01, 400 7th Street, WS, Washington, DC 20509.

SUBJECT: Status Report on My 12/31/03, 12/23/03 E-Mails and My 12/31/03 Voice Mail.

REQUESTED INFO: Anything on the Firestone Firehawk PV40 or PV41 Tire (Ours was used on a 1999 Boss Hoss Motorcycle with a Chevy 350 V8 engine, as Rear Tire)

TELEPHONE: [REDACTED]

FAX #: [REDACTED]

FROM: [REDACTED]

DATE: Feb. 23, 2004

On the above dates I requested:

Any accident data or reports for automobiles or motorcycles, especially where accidents caused by "channelling" when square tire (PV-40) gets caught in groove in pavement on highway at high speeds, causing a crash and rider injury or death;

Any accident data, engineering data/reports on PV40 or PV-41 at the NHTSA Web site or supplemental to that database;

Any reports on the PV40 or PV41 tire for motorcycles or automobiles (it is an automobile tire).

Comments: We do not have the DOT ID code for our PV-40 tire as it is a "pre-production" tire. See <http://www.nhtsa.gov/textfiles/tirerol.html> page 2 of 21. However the 1999 Boss Hoss [Maintenance] Manual describes the tire as:

WE WANT THIS TIRE RESEARCHED:

PV-40 Tire Data from the Manufacturer:
Rear wheel: 15" x 7," Tire 225-79R15 100V.

SECONDARY RESEARCH ON REPLACEMENT TIRE:

PV-41 Our Replacement Tire Data:
DOT ID: DOT S2M FHV 2500
Tire Size: P235X70X15 120V (on inside of tire);
Tire data: 32421 EX BM21323-2 (on outside of tire).

Details of the Accident:

Jeanne Skeels called NHTSA on Feb. 19, 2004 to report this accident and there is nothing on file about a Boss Hoss since 1991.

[REDACTED] and her husband/the rider of this motor cycle know there was a defect with our motorcycle and Boss Hoss had acknowledged it on the phone with my husband.

This accident occurred in August 02, 2003 and was reported by Jeanne Skeels by telephone on???. The tire vibrated and then jumped at 75 MPH with 105 degrees pavement, lost control and went Down, motorcycle a total loss, rider survived but will have to have hip replacement.

