



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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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [Redacted] Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted] E-mail Address: [Redacted]
Address: [Redacted] Evening Telephone Number: [Redacted]
City: LATHROP State: CA Zip Code: [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: / /

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 1FTRE1467W [Redacted]
Make: FORD Model: ECONOLINE Model Year: 1998
Date Purchased: 12-07-01 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: Mantec Ford (909) 239-3561
Original Owner: Dealer's City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____ Engine: No. Cylinders: 8 cylinder Fuel Type: Gas
Transmission Type: Automatic Antilock Brakes: _____ Powertrain: REAR WHEEL DRIVE
Vehicle Component Code: 071100 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE-STORAGE-TANK ASSEMBLY
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): _____ Failure Mileage: _____ 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: DOTM19ABC036): _____ 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: _____ Number of Deaths: _____ Reported to Police: N

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).

THE FUEL TANK CRACKED ON THE UPPER PORTION OF THE TANK IN THE AREA WHERE THE MIDDLE STRAP CROSSED THE TANK. THE CONSUMER CONTACTED FORD MOTOR CO., HOWEVER THERE WERE NO RECALLS, THEREFORE, NO ASSISTANCE WITH THE PURCHASE OF A NEW FUEL TANK. *JB

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 Administration 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)

It is known that the 1999 Ford Econolines had a recall on their gas tanks for the exact same problem that my 1998 Ford Econoline just experienced. Someone needs to look into the 1998 line of Ford Econolines because there is absolutely no reason for a gas tank to become defective like mine did and leak fuel.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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