



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-2818 (1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City: BEECHER State: IL Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

[REDACTED]

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 a signature, name or address of the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: 9/2/04

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: AFBKE46G1HA1001Z
IFDXE45S: YH [REDACTED]
Make: WINNEBAGO Model: MINNIE Model Year: 2000
Date Purchased: 10-JUL-02 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: [REDACTED] Engine: No. Cylinders: 10 Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner: Dealer's City: [REDACTED] State: [REDACTED] Zip Code: [REDACTED]
Transmission Type: AUTOMATIC Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain: REAR WHEEL DRIVE
Vehicle Component Code: 181000 TIRES/TREAD/BELT
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 14-AUG-2004 Failure Mileage: 20170 Failure Speed: 60

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: FIRESTONE Tire Model (Name or Number): STEELTEX R4S Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): 225/75R18
DOT No. (Example: DOTM1A9ABC036): YD1L1X0379 Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE REAR
Tire Component Code: 191000 TIRES/TREAD/BELT Tire Failure Type: TREAD SEPARATION

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

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash: Yes No Fire: Yes No Number of Persons Injured: 0 Number of Deaths: 0 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).

RIGHT REAR INNER DULLER TIRE EXPERIENCED A TREAD SEPARATION WHILE DRIVING 60 MPH WITH TWO ADULTS AND TWO CHILDREN IN A WINNEBAGO MINNIE 2000 RECREATIONAL VEHICLE. WHILE DRIVING CONSUMER WAS ABLE TO HEAR AND FEEL THE TREAD FLAPPING AGAINST THE BODY OF THE VEHICLE BEFORE PULLING OVER. THE TIRE REMAINED INFLATED DURING THE SEPARATION. FIRESTONE, STEELTEX RS4, ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT, TIRE SIZE 225/75R18, E LOAD RANGE AND THE DOT # YD1L1X0379. THE TIRE WAS AVAILABLE FOR NHTSA ANALYSIS. FIRESTONE WAS NOTIFIED. *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.