



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]  
Address: [REDACTED]  
City: KEALAKEKUA State: HI Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number

Evening Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?  YES  NO  
In the absence of an authorized signature, you must provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: 2/3/05

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: JF 15 90305 H1 [REDACTED]  
Make: SUBARU Model: FORESTER Model Year: 2004  
Date Purchased: 11/6/03 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: HILD-KONA MAZDA SUBARU 808 961-4411  
Engine: No: Cylinders 4 Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: KAILUA-KONA State: HI Zip Code: 96740  
Transmission Type: AUTOMATIC Antilock Brakes:  Powertrain: ALL WHEEL DRIVE  
Cruise Control:  Vehicle Component Code: 190000 TIRES  
Multiple Failure: 2

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

Incident Date(s): 11-JAN-2005  
Failure Mileage: 9530  
Failure Speed: 35 MPH

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

Tire Make: YOKOHAMA Tire Model (Name or Number): UNKNOWN GEOLANDAR G900 Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): P215/60R16 90H  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): DOT F0F1-NH1303 Original Equipment:  Prior Repair:  Failure Location: PASSENGER SIDE REAR  
Tire Component Code: 190000 TIRES Tire Failure Type: TREAD SEPARATION

**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: 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).

THERE IS TEAR BETWEEN THE TREAD AND SIDEWALL ON THE PASSENGER REAR SIDE TIRE, WHICH IS CAUSING THE CONSUMER TO NOT MAINTAIN EASY CONTROL WHEN BEING DRIVEN. MANUFACTURER WAS CONTACTED BY OWNER. \*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 Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond 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.