



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

Address

City

LAINSBORO

State NJ

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

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, please print your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date 4/18/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at bottom of dashboard on driver's side

1ZWFT61L8X5

Make

MERCURY

Model

COUGAR

Model Year

1998

Date Purchased

12/1/98

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Harbor Lincoln Mercury

Engine:

No. Cylinders 6

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

Highersville

State

NJ

Zip Code

08234

Transmission Type

MANUAL

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

FRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

126000 EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS

Multiple Failure: 3

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

12-MAR-2005

Failure Mileage

8/24/01

Failure Speed

All brake lights

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(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:
(a, parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

NHTSA RECALL CAMPAIGN 01V032000; FORD ISSUED A BRAKE LIGHT RECALL. THIS VEHICLE WAS NOT INCLUDED IN THE RECALL DUE TO VIN
ALTHOUGH THE BRAKE LIGHTS MALFUNCTIONED. *AK

+ have been fixed 3 times,
with charges of \$402.47
incurred.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invo.

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)

loss of all brake lights on 3 separate occasions. Was repaired by the same dealership every time. Yet Ford insists this vehicle is not included in the recall. I've incurred charges of \$1402.47 so far for this dangerous malfunction. The last time the mechanic claimed a short in wires, requiring the wiring assembly to be replaced.

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Washington, D.C. 20590

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NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID Number: - 01V032000**Component: - LIGHTING:SWITCH:BUTTON:RING:BRAKE
LIGHTS****Manufacturer:**
FORD MOTOR COMPANY**Year:**
1999**Make:**
Mercury**Model:**
Cougar**Potential Number of Units Affected:**
33000**Manufactured From**
dec 1997**Manufactured To**
aug 1998**Year of Recall:**
01**Type of Report:**
Vehicle**Summary:**

Vehicle Description: Passenger vehicles. The brake lamp switch terminals could overheat. This could cause either a loss of brake lamp function or continuously illuminated brake lamps, increasing the risk of a crash. Dealers will install a new stop lamp extension harness with bronze terminals at the brake lamp switch connector, and also inspect the brake lamp switch for signs of overheating and replace, as required. Owner notification began March 22, 2001. Owners who take their vehicles to an authorized dealer on an agreed upon service date and do not receive the free remedy within a reasonable time should contact Ford at 1-800-392-3673. Also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236).

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DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED
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