



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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Reference No.
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

MADISON

State CT

Zip Code

08443

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

same

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO
In the absence of an authorizing NHTSA Will NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 5/15/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

1FMSUA2F62

Make

FORD

Model

EXCURSION

Model Year

2002

Date Purchased

28-OCT-02

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Hammonasset Ford Lincoln + Mercury

Engine

No. Cylinders 8

Fuel Type

Diesel

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

Madison, CT

State

Zip Code

08443

Transmission Type

☒

Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

114100 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING: FRONT UNDERHOOD

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

20-MAR-2005

Failure Mileage

51000

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 circumstances, failures, consequences, and injuries.)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☒ Yes ☐ No

Number of Persons Injured

0

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

Y

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).

VEHICLE CAUGHT ON FIRE UNDER THE HOOD WHILE BEING PARKED IN THE DRIVEWAY FOR MORE THEN 10 HOURS OR MORE. THE LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT ARRIVED TO EXTINGUISH THE FIRE. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS NOT DETERMINED. CONSUMER NOTIFIED THE DEALER AND THE MANUFACTURER. *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.



Samuel E. DeBurr, Jr.
Fire Marshal

TOWN OF MADISON
CONNECTICUT 06443-2563

MADISON DEPARTMENT OF FIRE MARSHAL
FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

Donn V. Dobson
Deputy Fire Marshal
Brian M. Koczak
Fire Inspector

CASE # 05-0000258

DATE & TIME OF FIRE: March 20, 2005 0700 hours.

DATE & TIME OF INVESTIGATION: March 20, 2005 0710 hours.

LOCATION OF FIRE:

PROPERTY OWNER:

OCCUPANTS:

SUMMARY AND SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION: Vehicle Fire Investigation

WEATHER: Cloudy, Temperature in Upper 30's, weather did not play a role in this fire.

DESCRIPTION OF VEHICLE: 2001 White Ford Excursion
CT Plate # 74B56C
VIN # 1FMSU43F62
Approximately 51,000 miles.

SUPPRESSION AND DETECTION EQUIPMENT: N/A

KEY INDIVIDUALS: Lou Acampora- Owner of the vehicle can attest to the conditions prior to the fire.

Robert C. Gerard, Fire Chief Madison Hose Company # 1 Served as incident commander and can attest to fire conditions upon arrival.

Donn V. Dobson Deputy Fire Marshal/ Firefighter can attest to fire condition upon arrival (first to arrive on scene) also investigated the origin and cause of this fire.

ACTION TAKEN: The Madison Hose Company #1 was dispatched to a reported vehicle fire next to a structure at the above stated location. First arriving units (this writer included) found the engine compartment of the above stated vehicle fully involved with fire. An attack line was stretched from the first arriving fire apparatus (Engine 2-5-1). The fire was put out and minor overhaul was conducted in the engine compartment area. The rest of the vehicle was opened surveyed for further fire damage. Finding no other damage the Madison Hose Company # 1 secured. The fire appeared to be contained only to the engine compartment area.

I was able to question [redacted] regarding what he found. [redacted] stated that he came home the previous evening at about 2130 hours and parked the 2001 White Ford Excursion in its normal spot in front of the garage. He stated that he plugged the block heater in for the evening due to the evening's temperature. (It was in the upper 20's). [redacted] stated that he was called by a neighbor who stated that his vehicle was on fire. [redacted] looked outside and found that his Ford Excursion had smoke & fire coming from the vehicle shortly before 7am on March 20, 2005. He called the Fire Department who responded a short time later.

Upon examination from the exterior of the engine compartment, I photographed the fire scene with a SONY Mavica Digital Camera. Upon initial arrival to the fire scene I observed the main body of fire coming from the engine compartment area. The entire engine compartment received heavy fire and heat damage. Upon further examination of the vehicle I was able to find all of the components of the extension cord as well as the plug end to the engine block heater. Examination of the wiring depicted heavy heat damage to the exterior sheathing as well as the conductors themselves.

I photographed all the exposed conductors for the engine block heater. I did not do any invasive wire investigation into the wiring harnesses due to the condition of the components and not wanting to disturb or destroy possible evidence for future fire investigators. The garage door and exterior remote garage door keypad received moderate damage as a result of this fire.

I also examined the circuit to which this extension cord was plugged into and found it to be in the tripped position. Limited to what I could inspect I advised [redacted] to keep all of the loose wiring and other components for further examination by the insurance company. I secured Approximately @ 0825 hours.

SKETCH MAP:

A Sketch Map was not drawn for this fire.

PHOTOGRAPHS:

Several Photographs were taken and will remain with this office.

CONCLUSION:

The area of origin is definitely in the engine compartment area. Due to the extensive damage to the above-mentioned area, the exact cause could not be determined without further testing or invasive investigation. Therefore until other information or further invasive investigation can be conducted this fire will remain undetermined.

Donn V. Dobson
Deputy Fire Marshal
March 28, 2005

REVIEWED BY:


Samuel E. DeBurna Jr.
Fire Marshal

06110 FOID *	CT State *	MM 03 DD 20 YYYY 2008 Incident Date *	MBC Station	05-0000258 Incident Number *	000 Exposure *	☐ Delete ☐ Change ☐ No Activity	MFIR2 -2 Fire
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B Property Details B1 ☒ Not Residential Estimated Number of residential living units in building of origin whether or not all units became involved B2 <u>001</u> ☐ Buildings not involved Number of buildings involved B3 <u> </u> ☐ None Acres burned (outside fires) ☐ Less than one acre	C On-Site Materials or Products ☐ None Complete if there were any significant amounts of commercial, industrial, energy or agricultural products or materials on the property, whether or not they became involved Enter up to three codes. Check one or more boxes for each code entered. <u> </u> on-site material (1) <u> </u> on-site material (2) <u> </u> on-site material (3) 1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service 1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service 1 ☐ Bulk storage or warehousing 2 ☐ Processing or manufacturing 3 ☐ Packaged goods for sale 4 ☐ Repair or service
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D Ignition D1 <u>83</u> <u>Engine area, running</u> Area of fire origin * D2 <u>UU</u> <u>Undetermined</u> Next source * D3 <u>UU</u> <u>Undetermined</u> Item first ignited * ☐ Check box if fire spread from first ignited ☐ was confined to object of origin D4 <u>UU</u> <u>Undetermined</u> Type of material first ignited ☐ Required only if item first ignited code is 80 or -76	E1 Cause of Ignition ☐ Check box if this is an exposure report. Skip to section 8 1 ☐ Intentional 2 ☐ Unintentional 3 ☐ Failure of equipment or heat source 4 ☐ Act of nature 5 ☐ Cause under investigation 6 ☒ Cause undetermined after investigation E2 Factors Contributing To Ignition ☐ None <u> </u> Factor Contributing To Ignition (1) <u> </u> Factor Contributing To Ignition (2)
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F1 Equipment Involved In Ignition ☐ None if equipment was not involved, skip to Section 8 <u> </u> Equipment involved Brand <u> </u> Model <u> </u> Serial # <u> </u> Year <u> </u>	F2 Equipment Power <u> </u> Equipment Power Source F3 Equipment Portability 1 ☐ Portable 2 ☐ Stationary Portable equipment normally can be moved by one person, is designed to be used in multiple locations, and requires no tools to install.	G Fire Suppression Factors Enter up to three codes. ☐ None <u> </u> Fire suppression factor (1) <u> </u> Fire suppression factor (2) <u> </u> Fire suppression factor (3)
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H1 Mobile Property Involved ☐ None 1 ☐ Not involved in ignition, but burned 2 ☐ Involved in ignition, but did not burn 3 ☒ Involved in ignition and burned	H2 Mobile Property Type & Make <u>10</u> <u>Passenger road vehicle</u> Mobile property type <u>FO</u> <u>Ford</u> Mobile property make	I Local Use ☐ Pre-Fire Plan Available Some of the information presented in this report may be based upon reports from other agencies ☐ Arson report attached ☐ Police report attached ☐ Coroner report attached ☐ Other reports attached
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<u>Excursion</u> Mobile property model <u> </u> State <u>1FMBU43F62E</u> VIN Number	<u>2008</u> Year
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K1 Person/Entity Involved

Local Option

Business name (if applicable)

Area Code

Phone Number

☐ Check this box if same address as incident location. Then skip the three duplicate address lines.

Mr., Ms., Mrs. First Name

MI

Last Name

Suffix

Number

Prefix

Street or Highway

Street Type

Suffix

Post Office Box

Apt./Suite/Room

City

State

Zip Code

☐ More people involved? Check this box and attach Supplemental Forms (NFIRS-18) as necessary

K2 Owner

☐ Same as person involved? Then check this box and skip the rest of this section.

Local Option

Business name (if applicable)

Area Code

Phone Number

☒ Check this box if same address as incident location. Then skip the three duplicate address lines.

Mr., Ms., Mrs. First Name

MI

Last Name

Suffix

Number

Prefix

Street or Highway

Street Type

Suffix

Post Office Box

Apt./Suite/Room

MADISON

City

CT

Zip Code

L Remarks

Local Option

Engine compartment fully involved.

Minor damage to garage caused by radiant heat from vehicle fire.

L Authorization

GERA01

Officer in charge ID

Gerard, Robert

Signature

FC

Position or rank

Assignment

03

Month

20

Day

2005

Year

Check box if same as Officer in charge.

GERA01

Member making report ID

Gerard, Robert

Signature

FC

Position or rank

Assignment

03

Month

20

Day

2005

Year

A		06110		CT		03		20		2005		MHC		03-0000258		000		Change		No Activity		Basic	
		FID		State		Incident Date				Station		Incident Number		Sequence		000		1942		02			
☐ Check this box to indicate that the address for this incident is provided on the Wildland Fire Census Form 1942 - 02. ☐ Include in Section 2 "Alternative Location Specification". Use only for Wildland Fires.																							
B Location*																							
☒ Street address ☐ Intersection ☐ In front of ☐ Rear of ☐ Adjacent to ☐ Directions																							
Number/Address Prefix Street or Highway City State Zip Code City: MADISON State: CT Zip Code: 06110																							
C Incident Type *																							
131 Passenger vehicle fire																							
D Aid Given or Received*																							
1 ☐ Mutual aid received 2 ☐ Automatic aid recd. 3 ☐ Mutual aid given 4 ☐ Automatic aid given 5 ☐ Other aid given 6 ☒ None																							
E1 Date & Times																							
Check boxes if dates are the same as Alarm Date. Alarm # 03 20 2005 07:00:38 Arrival # 03 20 2005 07:07:13 Controlled 03 20 2005 07:15:00 Last Unit 03 20 2005 07:36:00 Cleared																							
E2 Shift & Alarms																							
Local Option 01 1 District																							
E3 Special Studies																							
Local Option Special Study 100 Special Study Value																							
F Actions Taken *																							
11 Extinguish 12 Salvage & overhaul Additional Action Taken (2) Additional Action Taken (3)																							
G1 Resources *																							
☐ Check this box and skip this section if an Apparatus or Personnel form is used. Apparatus Personnel Suppression 0018 Other 0005 ☐ Check box if resource units include aid received resources.																							
G2 Estimated Dollar Losses & Values																							
LOSSES: Required for all fires if known. Optional for non fires. Property \$ 010,000 Contents \$ 000,000 PER-INCIDENT VALUE: Optional Property \$ 012,400 Contents \$ 000,000																							
H1 Casualties																							
Deaths Injuries Fire Service Civilian H2 Detector Required for Confined Fires. 1 ☐ Detector alerted occupants 2 ☐ Detector did not alert them 3 ☐ Unknown																							
H3 Hazardous Materials Release																							
1 ☐ Natural Gas: also tank, no operation or failure action 2 ☐ Propane gas: also tank, no operation or failure action 3 ☐ Gasoline: vehicle fuel tank or portable container 4 ☐ Kerosene: fuel burning equipment or portable container 5 ☐ Diesel fuel/fuel oil: vehicle fuel tank or portable container 6 ☐ Household solvents: home/office spill, container only 7 ☐ Motor oil: seen engine or portable container 8 ☐ Paint: from paint can, vehicle or spill - report 9 ☐ Other: Special incident involving material or spill - report 10 ☐ None																							
I Mixed Use Property																							
10 ☐ Not Mixed 20 ☐ Assembly use 30 ☐ Education use 40 ☐ Medical use 50 ☐ Residential use 60 ☐ Row of stores 70 ☐ Enclosed mall 80 ☐ Bus. & Residential 90 ☐ Office use 100 ☐ Industrial use 110 ☐ Military use 120 ☐ Farm use 130 ☐ Other mixed use																							
J Property Use*																							
Structures 131 ☐ Church, place of worship 161 ☐ Restaurant or cafeteria 162 ☐ Bar/Tavern or nightclub 213 ☐ Elementary school or kindergarten 215 ☐ High school or junior high 241 ☐ College, adult education 311 ☐ Care facility for the aged 331 ☐ Hospital Outside 124 ☐ Playground or park 655 ☐ Crops or orchard 669 ☐ Forest (timberland) 807 ☐ Outdoor storage area 919 ☐ Dump or sanitary landfill 931 ☐ Open land or field																							
341 ☐ Clinic, clinic type infirmary 342 ☐ Doctor/dentist office 361 ☐ Prison or jail, not juvenile 419 ☐ 1-or 2-family dwelling 429 ☐ Multi-family dwelling 439 ☐ Rooming/boarding house 449 ☐ Commercial hotel or motel 459 ☐ Residential, board and care 464 ☐ Dormitory/barracks 519 ☐ Food and beverage sales 926 ☐ Vacant lot 936 ☐ Graded/care for plot of land 946 ☐ Lake, river, stream 951 ☐ Railroad right of way 960 ☐ Other street 961 ☐ Highway/divided highway 962 ☒ Residential street/driveway																							
539 ☐ Household goods, sales, repairs 579 ☐ Motor vehicle/boat sales/repair 571 ☐ Gas or service station 599 ☐ Business office 615 ☐ Electric generating plant 629 ☐ Laboratory/science lab 700 ☐ Manufacturing plant 819 ☐ Livestock/poultry storage (barn) 882 ☐ Non-residential parking garage 891 ☐ Warehouse 981 ☐ Construction site 984 ☐ Industrial plant yard																							
Looking and enter a Property Use code only if you have NOT checked a Property Use box. Property Use 962 Residential street, road or WYNE-1 Revision 01/11/99																							



