



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 **CLEARWATER** State **FL** Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED] E-mail Address [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: **1FT1R44F53TA [REDACTED]** Make **FORD** Model **RANGER** Model Year **2003**  
Date Purchased **18-OCT-03** Dealer's Name and Telephone Number **FREEDOM FORD** Engine: No. Cylinders **6** Fuel Type: **Gas**  
Original Owner  Dealer's City **CLEARWATER** State **FL** Zip Code **33763**  
Transmission Type **AUTOMATIC**  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain **REAR WHEEL DRIVE** Vehicle Component Code **140000 AIR BAGS**  
Multiple Failure: **1**

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

Incident Date(s) **09-JUN-2005** Failure Mileage **11988** Failure Speed **10**

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

Tire Make \_\_\_\_\_ Tire Model (Name or Number) \_\_\_\_\_ Tire Size (Example P215/R5R15) \_\_\_\_\_  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM1A9ABC036)  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), Fatality, Criminal, and other(s).)

Crash  Yes  No Fire  Yes  No Number of Persons Injured **2** Number of Deaths \_\_\_\_\_ 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).

DT: CONSUMER'S VEHICLE WAS INVOLVED IN A COLLISION ON JUNE 9, 2006. THE AIRBAGS DEPLOYED BEFORE THE IMPACT. SAW SOMETHING FLASH IN MY FACE, WHICH WAS THE CENTER OF THE STEERING WHEEL, AND THE AIRBAGS DEPLOYED. TOOK VEHICLE TO THE DEALER, AND THEY SAID THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE SRS, AND THEY FOUND A FAULTY SENSOR # 460047 IN THE FRONT OF THE VEHICLE. IT HAS BEEN FIXED SINCE THIS ACCIDENT. \*AK

*PLEASE SEE ATTACHED*

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.

## COLLISION JUNE 9<sup>TH</sup> 2005

I was coming out of a parking lot onto SR590, speed between 5 & 10 mph. As I approached the hwy I applied my brakes to stop. The next thing, it was like something flew past my face from right to left and the airbag deployed which scraped my chin and smoke filled my eyes. I fully applied my brakes as soon as I came to my senses and hit a car straight on the right side corner panel. The only damage done to my vehicle was the bumper and both airbags deployed.

On completion of the repair on my vehicle I was told by Mark Gregory in the Collision Center telephone # [REDACTED] that he could not understand why with so little damage that the airbags deployed, until they came to check on completion of repair and found a bad sensor, which immediately overloaded a computer which in turn activated the airbags. It was not until he shared this information with me that I asked the question. When do the airbags deploy, to be told when you hit something? They deployed, and then I hit the other vehicle.

I truly believe that my accident happen due to the airbags deploying which not only frightened me to death but obstructed my vision, I did not turn the wheel to avoid the vehicle I hit.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]



*Mark*

*GREGORY*

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