



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 HAZLETON State PA 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 an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 7/11/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1FMCU94184R [REDACTED] Make FORD Model ESCAPE Model Year 2004
Date Purchased 18-DEC-03 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number POTTER MOTORS Engine: No. Cylinders 8 Fuel Type: Gas
Original Owner Dealer's City TAMAGUA State PA Zip Code 17252
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code 190000 TIRES Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 16-JUN-2005 Failure Mileage 25,000 Failure Speed 55

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make CONTINENTAL Tire Model (Name or Number) CONTINENTAL Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 2357016
DOT No. (Example: DOTWAL9ABC036) Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: I-81 HAZLETON PA
Tire Component Code 190000 TIRES Tire Failure Type HYDROPLANING

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).

DT: CONSUMER HAS 26,000 MILES ON THE VEHICLE AND THE ORIGINAL TIRES ARE ON THE VEHICLE. THE TIRES ARE HYDRO PLANING. HE CALLED THE TIRE COMPANY, AND WAS TOLD TO TAKE IT TO A DEALER. THEN, THEY TOLD HIM THAT ONE TIRE WAS SLIGHTLY CUPPING AND ANOTHER WAS WEARING OUT. CONSUMER WAS NOT TOLD WHICH TIRES THESE WERE. CONSUMER ROTATED TIRES EVERY 2,600 MILES. THIS PROBLEM STARTED DURING A RAIN STORM GOING APPROXIMATELY 50-55 MPH LAST WEEK. *AK

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

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-502) 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)

I'm a 62 yr old - HAVE DRIVEN FOR 46 YRS. LIVED FOREVER
HERE IN THE NORTHEAST - I AM AWARE OF ROAD CONDITIONS - NEVER
HAD FELT SO OUT OF CONTROL WHILE DRIVING - AS I DID WITH
THESE TIRES - WITH NO WARNING OF ANY KIND - JUST TO
START HYDRO PLANING - LEAVING ME SO OUT OF CONTROL - THE
TIRES SHOWED NO WEAR - IT WAS ONLY 25,000 MILES ON A
80,000 MILE RATED TIRE. I WAS NOT GOING ABOVE THE POSTED
SPEED LIMIT - I WAS DRIVING ON A HEAVY TRAVELED ROAD -
KEEPING MY SPEED WITH THE TRAFFIC AND RAINY CONDITIONS.
THE NEXT DAY I CHANGED TIRES - I COULD NOT TAKE THE
CHANCE OF CAUSING INJURY TO SOMEONE DUE TO THESE TIRES.

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