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DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
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Reference No.
10141805

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

PENSACOLA

State FL

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 an authorization, NHTSA will not provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 12/8/05

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1FMDU34X

Make

FORD

Model

EXPLORER

Model Year

1992

Date Purchased
25-DEC-04Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
SANDY SANSING CHEVYEngine:
No. Cylinders 6Fuel Type:
GasOriginal Owner
☐Dealer's City
PENSACOLAState
FLZip Code
32526

Transmission Type

☒ Antilock Brakes

Powertrain

☒ Cruise Control

4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

114000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: WIRING

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
04-NOV-2005Failure Mileage
100000Failure Speed
10

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

Tire Model (Name or Number)

Tire Size (Example P215/65R16)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM1SABC036)

☐ 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

Number of Deaths

Reported to Police

Y

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

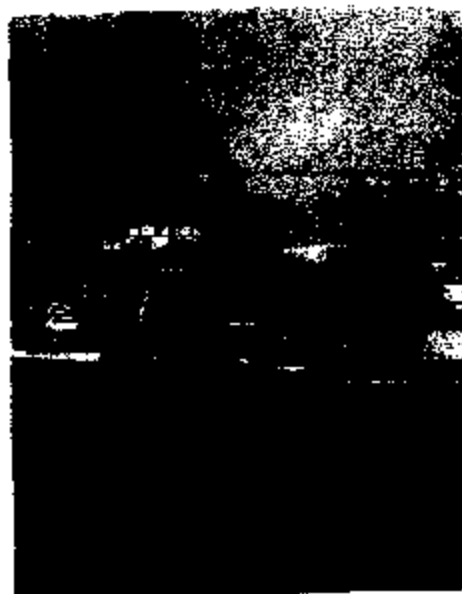
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

DT: THE CONTACTS STATED WHILE DRIVING APPROXIMATELY 10 MPH THEN PARKED IN A PARKING LOT FOR 20 MINUTES AND THE VEHICLE CAUGHT ON FIRE. THERE WERE NO INDICATOR LIGHTS ON PRIOR TO THE FIRE. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED AND THE FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED. THE CAUSE OF THE FIRE WAS UNKNOWN AT THIS TIME; HOWEVER THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SAID THE FIRE COULD POSSIBLY HAVE STARTED FROM THE ENGINE OR FAULTY WIRING. THE DASHBOARD AREA AND UNDER THE HOOD WAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED. CONTACTED THE MANUFACTURER, AND DUE TO THEIR COMPUTER SYSTEM BEING DOWN, THEY COULD NOT TELL ME IF THIS VEHICLE WAS INCLUDED IN ANY RECALLS THAT COULD HAVE CAUSED THIS FIRE. *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.





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* Recall Quick Look

**1992 Ford Explorer 4 Dr Eddie Bauer 4WD Utility**

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6. VISUAL SYSTEMS:MIRRORS
7. STRUCTURE:ROOF:T-TOP

Nature of Defect:

1. TIRES:TREAD

Recall Number: 00TD05000
 Dates Manufactured: N/A to N/A
 Number of Vehicles Affected: 14400000
 Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

Tire Description: Firestone Wilderness AT, size P235/75R15, produced at the Decatur, Illinois tire plant and all Firestone Radial ATX and Radial ATX II tires, size P235/75R15. Operation of these tires at low inflation pressures, high speed, and in hot weather, can contribute to separation of the tire tread.

Consequence of Defect:

If the tread separates from the tire, the driver can lose control of the vehicle, possibly resulting in a crash causing injury or death.

Corrective Action:

The replacement/reimbursement program for this campaign expired on August 29, 2001. However, customers should contact Firestone customer service at 1-800-465-1904 for possible assistance.

Nature of Defect:

2. TIRES:TREAD

Recall Number: 01X001000
 Dates Manufactured: N/A to N/A
 Number of Vehicles Affected: 13000000
 Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

THIS IS NOT A SAFETY RECALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE SAFETY ACT. HOWEVER, IT IS DEEMED A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN BY THE AGENCY. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION: FORD IS REPLACING ALL FIRESTONE WILDERNESS AT 15, 16, AND 17 INCH TIRES MOUNTED ON FORD TRUCKS AND SUVS. FORD REPORTS TREAD

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SEPARATION CAN OCCUR DUE TO A COMBINATION OF THE SENSITIVITY OF THE TIRE DESIGN TO STRESS, AGING, AND MANUFACTURING DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PLANTS. FORD IS REPLACING THESE TIRES TO PREVENT POSSIBLE PREMATURE TIRE FAILURE. VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: THE VEHICLES LISTED BELOW MAY HAVE BEEN ORIGINALLY EQUIPPED WITH FIRESTONE WILDERNESS AT TIRES OR MAY HAVE HAD WILDERNESS AT TIRES INSTALLED DURING THE FIRESTONE RECALL LAUNCHED IN AUGUST 2000. CERTAIN 1991 THROUGH 2002 FORD EXPLORER CERTAIN 2001 THROUGH 2002 EXPLORER SPORT, AND SPORT TRAC CERTAIN 1997 THROUGH 2002 MERCURY MOUNTAINEER CERTAIN 1991 THROUGH 2001 RANGER CERTAIN 1999 THROUGH 2001 EXPEDITION CERTAIN 1991 THROUGH 1994, AND 1997 MODEL YEAR F-SERIES CERTAIN 1991 THROUGH 1994 BRONCO NOTE: BOTH ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT AND REPLACEMENT TIRES ARE AFFECTED.

Consequence of Defect:

Should the tread separate at highway speeds, a vehicle crash could occur, possibly resulting in personal injury or death.

Corrective Action:

The replacement/reimbursement program for this campaign expired on March 31, 2002. However, customers can contact Ford at 800-462-8782 for possible assistance.

Nature of Defect:

3. STRUCTURE:HATCHBACK HYDRAULIC CYLINDER:TRUNK CYLINDER

Recall Number: 95I007000
Dates Manufactured: FEB 1990 to FEB 1995
Number of Vehicles Affected: 1029380
Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

VEHICLE DESCRIPTION: MULTI-PURPOSE PASSENGER VEHICLES. THIS IS NOT A SAFETY RECALL IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL REGULATION 573. HOWEVER, IT IS DEEMED A SAFETY IMPROVEMENT CAMPAIGN BY THE AGENCY. THE CAMPAIGN WILL REINFORCE THE BRACKET ATTACHMENTS OF THE REAR LIFTGATE GAS ASSIST CYLINDERS WHICH COULD PULL AWAY FROM THE INSIDE OF THE LIFTGATE.

Consequence of Defect:

IF A BRACKET AND GAS ASSIST CYLINDER WERE TO DETACH COMPLETELY FROM THE LIFTGATE AND NO LONGER BEAR AGAINST THE LIFTGATE AS INTENDED, THE REMAINING ASSIST CYLINDER WOULD NOT HOLD THE LIFTGATE IN AN OPEN POSITION. PERSONAL INJURY COULD OCCUR.

Corrective Action:

FORD DEALERS WILL REINFORCE THE BRACKET ATTACHMENTS.

Nature of Defect:

4. STRUCTURE:HATCHBACK HYDRAULIC CYLINDER:TRUNK CYLINDER

Recall Number: 95V164001
Dates Manufactured: JAN 1992 to MAR 1993
Number of Vehicles Affected: 364784
Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

THE HYDRAULIC LIFT CYLINDERS ARE ATTACHED TO BRACKETS THAT ARE WELDED TO THE LIFTGATE. THE BRACKET WELDS CAN FRACTURE.

Consequence of Defect:

WITH A BROKEN BRACKET WELD, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR THE LIFTGATE BRACKET TO GRADUALLY BEND INWARD ALLOWING THE LIFT CYLINDERBALL STUD TO DISENGAGE.

Corrective Action:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL REINFORCEMENT BRACKETS.

Nature of Defect:

Recall Number: 96V024001

5. BRAKES:POWER ASSIST:PRIMARY:BOOSTER

Dates Manufactured: MAR 1991 to NOV 1993
Number of Vehicles Affected: 109000
Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

THE STUDS WHICH ATTACH THE BRAKE MASTER CYLINDER TO THE POWER BRAKE VACUUM BOOSTER ASSEMBLY CAN DEVELOP STRESS CORROSION CRACKING AFTER BEING OPERATED FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD OF TIME IN THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA LOCATION.

Consequence of Defect:

IF A CRACK OCCURS, IT COULD RESULT IN ONE OR BOTH STUDS FRACTURING. THE MASTER CYLINDER COULD THEN SEPARATE FROM THE VACUUM BOOSTER, WHEN THE BRAKES ARE APPLIED, PREVENTING THE SERVICE BRAKES FROM ACTIVATING INCREASING THE RISK OF A VEHICLE ACCIDENT.

Corrective Action:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE POWER BRAKE VACUUM BOOSTER ASSEMBLY.

Nature of Defect: 6. VISUAL SYSTEMS:MIRRORS

Recall Number: 97V083000
Dates Manufactured: AUG 1992 to NOV 1994
Number of Vehicles Affected: 610000
Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

A short circuit condition can occur in the remote power mirror control switch circuit board as a result of a separated part of the contact assembly bridging the switch positive battery pad and adjacent chassis ground pad.

Consequence of Defect:

The current can overheat the printed circuit board and other plastic and elastomeric components of the switch assembly resulting in smoke or fire.

Corrective Action:

Dealers will install an in-line 10 amp fuse in the positive battery feed to the remote power mirror control switch assembly.

Nature of Defect: 7. STRUCTURE:ROOF:T-TOP

Recall Number: 97V235001
Dates Manufactured: JAN 1990 to JAN 1993
Number of Vehicles Affected: 185000
Date Owners Notified On: N/A

Vehicle: 1992 Ford Explorer

Defect Description:

Vehicle Description: Multi-purpose passenger vehicles equipped with factory installed sunroof. The sunroof glass panel assembly can separate while the vehicle is moving due to incorrect hinge engagement. This was caused by improper sunroof installation of the glass panel.

Consequence of Defect:

Unexpected separation of the sunroof glass panel could possibly distract the driver increasing the risk of a vehicle crash or loss of vehicle control.

Corrective Action:

Owners will be provided with an instruction booklet which thoroughly outlines, with illustrations, the proper procedures for the removal, storage, and reinstallation of the sunroof's glass panel. A warning label for attachment to the sunroof's latch knob will also be provided to the owners.

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