



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 **ST ALBANS** State **WV** Zip Code **[REDACTED]**  
Daytime Telephone Number **[REDACTED]** E-mail Address **[REDACTED]**  
Evening Telephone Number **[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 **1MELM62W8VH [REDACTED]** Make **MERCURY** Model **COUGAR** Model Year **1997**  
Date Purchased \_\_\_\_\_ Dealer's Name and Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Engine: No: Cylinders **8** Fuel Type: Gas  
Original Owner  Dealer's City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Transmission Type **AUTOMATIC**  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain **ALL WHEEL DRIVE** Vehicle Component Code **063200 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING:EXHAUST SYSTEM:MANIFOLD**  
Multiple Failure: 1

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

Incident Date(s) **17-DEC-2003** Failure Mileage \_\_\_\_\_ Failure Speed **10**

**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 \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Deaths \_\_\_\_\_ 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: THE CONTACT STATED THE COOLANT LIGHT ILLUMINATED ON DASHBOARD. THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO A DEALERSHIP. THE PLASTIC INTAKE MANIFOLD CRACKED, CAUSING THE LOSS OF ANTI FREEZE. NO REPAIRS WERE MADE. \*AK  
*Repairs must be made. Upon checking, I found FORD had issued a recall on this part but not for "civilian vehicles". There is a lawsuit pending in CA at this time but only for cars bought w/in 7 years.*

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 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.