



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]			Daytime Telephone Number	E-mail Address
Address	[REDACTED]			Evening Telephone Number	[REDACTED]
City	APPLE VALLEY	State	MN	Zip Code	[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 authorized address, NHTSA will NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 8/14/2006

**VEHICLE INFORMATION**

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number, located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 1FMFU18L7 [REDACTED]	Make FORD	Model EXPEDITION	Model Year 2004
Date Purchased 03-DEC-03	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number Metropolitan Ford		Engine: No: Cylinders 8
Original Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dealer's City Eden Prairie	State MN	Zip Code 55344
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control	Powertrain 4 WHEEL DRIVE	Vehicle Component Code 071100 FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:STORAGE:TANK ASSEMBLY
Multiple Failure: 1			

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

Incident Date(s) 03-AUG-2006	Failure Mileage 23000	Failure Speed 70MPH	Hole Punched in gas TANK (FRONT)
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**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)	<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Deaths	Reported to Police N
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**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 A PIECE OF TIRE RUBBER LYING IN THE ROAD PUNCTURED A HOLE IN THE FUEL TANK. THE PLASTIC FUEL TANK WAS LOCATED UNDERNEATH THE DRIVER'S SIDE FRONT AND REAR PASSENGER SEAT. THERE WAS NO COVER TO PROTECT DEBRIS FROM HITTING THE TANK. THE DEALERSHIP WAS NOTIFIED. THIS PLASTIC TANK hangs below the frame about 3 to 4 inches, any thing coming up from the road could catch it hole in the tank. I TALKED to the service manager at Metropolitan Ford, and the Ford Field Rep. both agreed it is a safety problem. The option cover, called the off the road package ~~was~~ offered.

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.

I feel that this package should be on ALL EXPEDITIONS to cover the gas tanks. IT IS a real safety problem as far as claim verbiage.

