



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 HOMESTEAD State FL Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]

E-mail Address

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 [REDACTED] Date 11/21/06

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1FTEF15Y6TL [REDACTED] Make FORD Model F150 Model Year 1996

Date Purchased 25-OCT-06 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number RYAN AUTO BROKERS INC. 305-245-1600 Engine: No: Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: Gas

Original Owner Dealer's City HOMESTEAD State FL Zip Code 33030

Transmission Type MANUAL Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain REAR WHEEL DRIVE Vehicle Component Code 101100 POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY:PEDAL/LINKAGE
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 05-NOV-2006 Failure Mileage 120500 Failure Speed 7

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number) [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location:

Tire Component Code [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]

Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]

Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

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 [REDACTED] Number of Deaths [REDACTED] 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 WHILE DRIVING 7 MPH, THE CLUTCH WAS DEPRESSED TO SLOW THE VEHICLE. UPON DEPRESSING THE CLUTCH, THERE WAS A POPPING NOISE, AND THE CLUTCH PEDAL FELL TO THE FLOOR. UPON INSPECTION, THE CONTACT NOTED THAT THE PLASTIC CLUTCH LINKAGE RETAINER HAD DETACHED AND FALLEN ONTO THE FLOORBOARD. THE CONTACT THEN REACHED BELOW THE FLOOR OF THE VEHICLE, AND FOUND THAT THE EYE OF THE CLUTCH LINKAGE PIN EYE HAD ALSO BECOME DETACHED. THE VEHICLE WAS NOT SEEN BY A DEALER.

See like a statement I made at the contact found what he assumed was the clutch linkage retainer but it was obviously not durable enough to serve as a safe retainer. The item indicated is the "selflocking bushing" which Ford Motor Company released as a retainer to the consumer market. Contact searched for a more durable retainer believing the self locking bushing to be merely a collateral component of the retainer retention system. SEE REVERSE

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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Contact noted a warp in the floor mat where a safe retainer might have fallen. From behind the floor mat contact recovered a portion including the eye of the master cylinder linkage pin. Linkage pin is also plastic and contact maintains it does not meet existing ~~standard~~ safety standards or at least does not fulfill standard engineering safety protocol of contemporary automobile manufacturing. Contact requests that entire master cylinder be included in complaint as unsafe component requiring replacement with safer component by the manufacturer. Clutch linkage retainer or Master Cylinder failure will lead to traffic fatality if gearing system is required to reduce speed of vehicle to avoid fatal accident.

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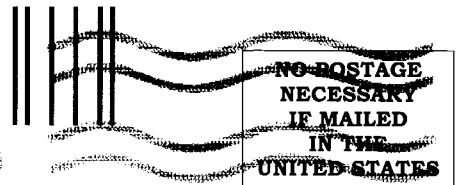
Vehicle as released to consumer marketplace is **EXTREMELY** dangerous and recall must be accomplished with all haste.

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