



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 APACHE JUNCTION

State AZ

Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize [REDACTED] to report the failure to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO
In the absence of [REDACTED] your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date 02/13/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
1FMEU17L4VL [REDACTED]

Make
FORD

Model
EXPEDITION

Model Year
1997

Date Purchased
01-AUG-97

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
Jim Clark Ford

Engine:
No: Cylinders 8

Fuel Type:
Gas

Original Owner
☒

Dealer's City
Tucson

State
AZ

Zip Code

Transmission Type
AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes
☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain
4 WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

198000 TIRES:TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
03-FEB-2006

Failure Mileage
191000

Failure Speed
Crawling

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: Home Driveway

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 indicate in detail the incident(s), failure(s), 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).

TL*- THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE DRIVING THE 1997 FORD EXPEDITION INTO THE DRIVEWAY THE CABLE THAT HELD THE SPARE TIRE SNAPPED, CAUSING THE SPARE TIRE TO FALL ONTO THE GROUND WHILE GOING UP OVER THE CURVE. *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.

As I was backing out of my driveway from the street, the spare tire fell to the ground. Imagine if I was on a freeway doing 65 mph and the spare tire dropped to the ground - bounced out the vehicle behind me - ??? Upon examining the cable - it had broken off which allowed the tire to fall to the ground. I reported this incident to Ford Customer Service.

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