



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

Address

City

LINCOLN PARK

State MI

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?
In the absence of a signature or address to the vehicle manufacturer. ☒ YES ☒ NO
Signature of Owner Date 4/12/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

1FTRW08L

Make

FORD

Model

F150

Model Year

2001

Date Purchased

4-1-2003

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
SOUTH GATE FORD UNKNOWN

Engine

No: Cylinders 8

Fuel Type

Gas

Original Owner

☐

Dealer's City
SOUTH GATE

State MI

Zip Code

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☒ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

REAR WHEEL DRIVE

Vehicle Component Code

060000 ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

26-MAR-2007

Failure Mileage

90075

Failure Speed

70

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

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 OWNS A 2001 FORD F-150. WHILE DRIVING 70 MPH IN DRY CONDITIONS, THE CONTACT HEARD A LOUD NOISE COMING FROM THE VEHICLE. INITIALLY, THE CONTACT THOUGHT A TIRE WAS BLOWN AND PULLED THE VEHICLE OFF THE ROAD. ALL FOUR TIRES WERE IN NORMAL CONDITION, BUT THE SCENT OF GAS WAS DETECTED. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO A MECHANIC, WHO DISCONNECTED THE FUEL INJECTOR TO THE NUMBER SEVEN CYLINDERS, SO THE VEHICLE COULD BE DRIVEN HOME. THE FAILURE WAS NOT REPAIRED AT THAT TIME. THE CONTACT TOOK THE VEHICLE TO A LOCAL SHOP CLOSER TO HOME, AND WAS CHARGED \$1,836 FOR REMOVING BOTH HEADS, AND HAD THE MACHINE FLAT AT THE NUMBER SEVEN CYLINDER. THE FORD MANUFACTURER WAS NOTIFIED, AND STATED THAT THE CONTACT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENGINE REPAIR. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 91,750, AND FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 90,075. *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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Monday March 26 2007
Driving on the E-way with
my 7 year old son, my 2001
F-150 blew a spark plug
out of the head at the
7 cylinder. The smell of
gasoline immediately filled
the cab. This combined
with a "live" open spark,
could have been disasterous.
I was traveling @ 70 m.p.h..

I contacted Ford Motor
Company & they denied any
responsibility.

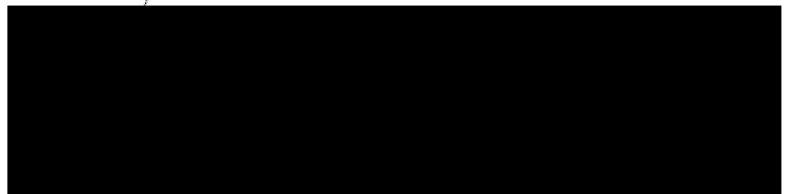
Upon further investigation
on the internet I've
discovered this to be a
common problem with
the V-8 5.4 L Triton engine.

I feel a recall is
justified. At very least
Ford should be liable for
repairs. This engine utilizes
aluminum heads & in my
opinion there are not enough
threads to properly contain

the plugs in the head.
This is a manufacturing
defect.

I am enclosing a
copy of my repair
invoice.

Sincerely



A.S.

The work on the #7
cylinder is under warranty,
but who's to say one
of the other spark plugs
won't blow out further
down the road.

THE ATTACHMENTS TO THIS
DOCUMENT HAVE BEEN REMOVED
TO PROTECT UNWARRANTED
INVASION OF PERSONAL PRIVACY
PURSUANT TO EXEMPTION 6 OF
THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION
ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(b)(6).