



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

SCOTIA

State

NY

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? ☒ YES ☐ NO

In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 4/1/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

Make

DAMON

Model

DAYBREAK

Model Year

2005

1F6LF53S1

Date Purchased
03-DEC-04

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number
LAMESA 520-807-7200

Engine:

No: Cylinders 10

Fuel Type:

Gas

Original Owner

☒

Dealer's City

TUSCON

State

AZ

Zip Code

85714-1930

Transmission Type

AUTOMATIC

☐ Antilock Brakes

☒ Cruise Control

Powertrain

UNKNOWN FORD

Vehicle Component Code

020000 SUSPENSION

Multiple Failure: 16

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)
17-OCT-2007

Failure Mileage
19500

Failure Speed
55

PROBLEM HAS OCCURRED 10-12 TIMES SINCE
17 OCT 2007.

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 2005 DAMON DAYBREAK. WHILE DRIVING 55 MPH DOWNHILL OR ON ROUGH LEVEL PAVEMENT, THE VEHICLE MOVES FROM RIGHT TO LEFT WITH SEVERE SHAKING. THE CONTACT BELIEVES HE WILL LOSE CONTROL OF THE STEERING WHEEL AND THAT THE FAILURE IS WITH THE STEERING OR THE BRAKES. THE DEALER STATED THAT THE FRONT PASSENGER TIRE WAS CUPPING; HOWEVER, THE ROTORS AND BRAKES WERE FINE. THE CONTACT STATED THAT ALL OF THE TIRES WERE ROTATED AND ALIGNED, BUT THE FAILURE CONTINUED. THE FORD DEALER STATED THAT THE SHOCK ABSORBERS NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. THE SHOCK ABSORBERS WERE REPLACED, BUT THE FAILURE PERSISTS AND IS WORSENING. THE POWERTRAIN WAS UNKNOWN. THE CURRENT MILEAGE WAS 22,000 AND FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 19,500. AND BEYOND. FORD 24,808

INFORMATION FROM THE INTERNET INDICATES THIS PROBLEM HAS OCCURRED ON MANY FORD CHASSIS VEHICLES. IT IS KNOWN AS "DEATH WOBBLE". DO I HAVE ANY RECOURSE WITH FORD OR DAMON WITH THIS PROBLEM SINCE IT IS SUCH A WIDELY REPORTED PROBLEM ON THE INTERNET (SEE OTHER SIDE) →

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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THE FOLLOWING ARE A FEW OF THE WEBSITES I FOUND ON THE PROBLEM.

HTTP://WWW.FORD-TRUCKS.COM/FORUMS/727432-DEATH-WOBBLE.HTML

HTTP://WWW.RVTECHSTOP.COM/GOTA.HTM

HTTP://WWW.DIESELTRUCKRESOURCE.COM/DEV/SHOWTHREAD.PHP?T=85777

HTTP://KEVINSOFFROAD.COM/TECHARTICLES/DEATHWOBBLE.HTML

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