



DOT Auto Safety Hotline

U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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 SPRINGFIELD State MI Zip Code [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number [Redacted]
Evening Telephone Number [Redacted]
E-mail Address [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 signature, this report will be sent to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner [Redacted] Date 6/22/09

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 1FMCU931X5K [Redacted]
Make FORD Model ESCAPE Model Year 2005
Date Purchased [Redacted] Dealer's Name and Telephone Number [Redacted] Engine: [Redacted] Fuel Type: [Redacted]
Original Owner Dealer's City [Redacted] State [Redacted] Zip Code [Redacted] No: Cylinders [Redacted]
Transmission Type Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain [Redacted] Multiple Failure: [Redacted] Incident Date(s) 10-JUN-2009

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Codes: 190000 TIRES, 191000 TIRES: TREAD/BELT
Failure Mileage: 99000 Failure Speed: 0

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make PEP BOYS Tire Model (Name or Number) DEFINITY DAKOTA A/T Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 235/70R16
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) DOT 108 PA82906 Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: DRIVER SIDE FRONT All Tires
Tire Component Code 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT Side wall Tire Failure Type: TREAD SEPARATION Side wall

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 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 FORD ESCAPE. THE VEHICLE HAS PEP BOYS DEFINITY DAKOTA A/T TIRES, SIZE P235/70/R16 (NA). THE VEHICLE WAS TAKEN TO AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC FOR REPAIR AND HE OBSERVED THAT FOURS TIRES EXHIBITED SEVERE TREAD SEPARATION AND CRACKING. THE TIRES ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BEING REPLACED DUE TO THE SAFETY RISK INVOLVED. THE CONTACT HAS PICTURES OF THE DEFECTIVE TIRES. THE DOT NUMBER WAS UNKNOWN. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE 99,000.
I Have a lot of photos on disk if you would like them I can send. Pep Boys Has Tires

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.