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 National Highway
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DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECTS

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

 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, NHTSA will NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner

Date 9/11/00

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN) (17 Digits) 1FTZR15X0WPA87617		Make Ford		Model Ranger		Year 1998	
Purchased Date Mar 16, 1998	Dealer's Name Chino Hills Ford			Engine Size (CID/CC) 40		☐ Turbo	
☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's City Chino Hills			No. Cylinders 6		☐ Diesel	
	State Cal			Zip Code 917		☐ Gas	
Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar) 2-23-98	Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic	Restraint System ☒ Driverside Air Bag ☐ Motorbalt ☒ Passengerside Air Bag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☒ 3-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drivetrain ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	Vehicle type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Utility ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☒ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other	

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☒ Front ☒ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☒ Original ☐ Replacement	Handicap Adaptive Equip ☐ Yes ☒ No
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TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand Firestone	Tire Name Wilderness AT	Complete Tire Size P265/75R15	
No. of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) mid July 2000	Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 20427		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 45-55		

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Reported to Manufacturer ☒ Yes ☐ No
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

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In the middle of July 2000 the steering started pulling left + right sporadically. The dealer checked it and said alignment was fine. About a week later the tire/tires started thumping. I got worried because my wife drives it 90% of the time, and I replaced all tires at my own expense. There has been no problem since. I saved all old tires.

Continue on back.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to a 49 U.S.C. Chapter 301. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If NHTSA proceeds with administration 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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