



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

FOR AGENCY USE ONLY
Date Received **SEP 28 AM 11:05**
Office: **DEFECTS INVESTIGATION**
Reference No. **555222**

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

[Redacted Owner Information]

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 9.14.2000

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN.) (17 Digits) 2MEPM36S9K8600934		Make Mercury	Model Topaz	Year 1989
Purchased Date Nov 1989	Dealer's Name Sesi Lincoln Mercury		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's City Ypsilanti	State MI	Zip Code 48196	No. Cylinders 4
Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar)	Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Air Bag <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drivetrain <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel
		Vehicle Type <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other	

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Part Name(s) Motor Shoulder Belt Driver Side	Location <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Left <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	Handicap Adaptive Equip <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Brand	Tire Name	Complete Tire Size	No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) Sept 2, 2000	Mileage at Failure(s) 71000 original	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0	Failed Part(s) Available? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies). Attach photos if available.)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Reported to Manufacturer <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Drivers motor belt opened while on trip to PA. when door was opened. It was Labor Day weekend 2000. The belt will not return to an shoulder position when ignition switch is turned. Therefore the driver is not secured by the shoulder belt and is at risk.

Continue on back.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to a49 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.