

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
 TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT
 1-888-DASH-2-DOT
 1-888-327-4236
 INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.gov>

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SAFETY INVESTIGATION

Reference No.

556267

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Daytime 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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (17 Digits) 1FTRX17W4XNA135	(Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make Ford	Vehicle Model F150XLT	Vehicle Year 1999	Current Odometer Reading 26753X
Purchase Date 8/98	Dealer's Name Fred G. Baker Ford/Now Mark Ford	Engine Size (CID/CCH) 4.6	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☒ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection		
☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's City TALLMADE	State OH	Zip Code	No. Cylinders 3	☐ Fuel Injection
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☒ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☒ Driverside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☒ Passengerside Airbag ☒ 2-Point Belt ☐ 3-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drivetrain ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Util. ☐ Van ☒ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other
Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☒ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other					

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component	Part Name(s)	Location ☒ Left ☐ Right ☒ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☒ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) APPROX 5,000 Mileage at Failure(s) 70 MPH Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) Available? ☐ Yes ☒ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies) on the back of this form)

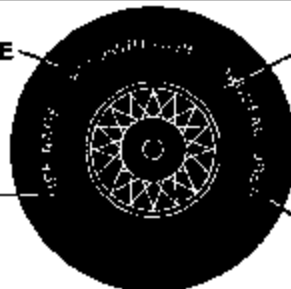
Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No	Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No	Number Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage \$100	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

To report defective or failed tires provide the following: DOT Number, Tire Manufacturer, Tire Name, Tire Size (include all numbers and letters).
 Note: This information not required for normal operation tires.

DOT	Manufacturer Firestone	Tire Name Wilderness	Complete Tire Size 235-70-16
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TIRE SIZE

TIRE
NAME

U.S. DOT safety standard code

The number may be on the inner side of the tire and have up to 11 letters and numbers. Usually located near rim flange on side opposite whitewall or on either side of blackwall tire.

TIRE
MANUFACTURER

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 administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

I had what I considered a failure of the integrity (structure) of a Firestone tire. I was traveling on a Florida Interstate going North Towards Ohio at 5 a.m. I was on the road less than 30 minutes. The tires had been checked for inflation the day before. I was going to milt the legal speed and had a flat. By the time I was able to stop the tire had been cut in two pieces. The inside of the tire and the tread was one piece and the outside sidewall was the other. Traffic was light and I was able to bring the truck to a stop without a crash. I have driven for 50 years and never have seen a tire fail in that manner. I have seen tires run flat and nearly destroyed from running flat but never cut in two pieces. Also served as fire Chief for 28 yrs and never saw a tire fail in that manner. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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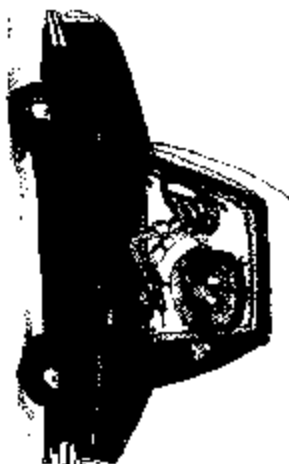
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