

U.S. Department
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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline
Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
TO REPORT VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECTS
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4238)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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

Signature of Owner

Date 1/24/01

PRODUCT INFORMATION

Vehicle Identification No. (VIN) (17 Digits)		Make FORD		Model Thunderbird		Year 1960	
Purchased Date 3-1998	Dealer's Name Thunder Bird Head Quarters			Engine Size (CID/CC)	352	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☒ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection	
☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's City Detroit, MI	State MI	Zip Code 48218	No. Cylinders	8		
Manufacture Date (on driver's door or pillar)	Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Restraint System ☐ Driverside Air Bag ☐ Passengerside Air Bag ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☐ No	Drivetrain ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☒ Car ☐ Sport Utility ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other	Body Style ☒ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Station Wagon ☐ 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 Coker Classics	Tire Name Radial Whitewall	Complete Tire Size P215/75R14
No. of Failures 4	Date(s) of Failure(s) Dec 2000	Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 2,200 miles on tires	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☒ Yes ☐ No
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s):	

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 Unknown	Number of Fatalities Unknown	Reported to Manufacturer ☒ Yes ☐ No
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies): Circumferential Shoulder/Side Wall
deformation. Tires are Separated at Rubber Junction.
DOT DYKD EKX347, P1018. I talked to 'Steve' at Coker
and he admitted there was a problem with some tires
but they changed manufacturers. We were never notified there
was problem. After much phone calls + emails we found
that Coker new about a problem. We are still fighting
with Thunder Bird Head Quarters to refund the purchase price.
However they say they can't find anyone to say

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

There is a problem. This is a classic car that is driven 1-2 times a week. I would like you to investigate this problem & put a recall out. We are very concerned about safety of these tires. We belong to several car clubs & would be very heart broken if someone I knew was killed or was in an accident. I have put a lot of time & money on my car.

Please see enclosed paper work.

We still have 3 tires if you come to inspect.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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