

U.S. Department
of TransportationNational Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☐ NO
 In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.

Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Listed at front of windshield or drivers side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU34X0RUD23335	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1994	

Purchase Date 01-APR-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>4.0L</u>	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☐ New ☒ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☒ Yes ☐ No	Restraint System ☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbell ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other _____ ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 13640000	Part Name(s) STRUCTURE:HATCHBACK HYDRAULIC CYLINDER:TRUNK CYLIND	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>15-AUG-1999</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>81045</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>0</u>	Failed Part(s) Available? ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION 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 of Persons Injured 1	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

PASSENGER SIDE TAILGATE BRACKET SUPPORTING GAS ASSIST CYLINDER TOTALLY DETACHED AFTER TAILGATE WAS FULLY OPENED. TAILGATE DROPPED, STRIKING MY SON ON HEAD AND SHOULDERS, KNOCKING HIM TO THE GROUND. ALTHOUGH TAILGATE WILL CLOSE, IT UNLATCHES (OPENS) ON ROUGH ROADS/SPEED BUMPS. FORD CUSTOMER SERVICE (1-800-392-3673) CONTACTED 9/9/99 AND ADVISED THAT MFG CAMPAIGN #95M87 WAS NO LONGER IN EFFECT. I CONTACTED THE SELLING DEALERSHIP AND NEIL SANDLER & TED RUSSELL FORD DEALERSHIPS REGARDING THE PROBLEM. THEY ADVISED REPAIR WOULD BE AT MY EXPENSE.

CONTINUED ON BACK (SEE)

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.