

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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Reference No.

716916

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) <small>(Listed at front of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FALP404XTF217355	FORD	MUSTANG	1996	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8L	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	

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

Component 05150021	Par. Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Frnt <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
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No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 23-DEC-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 54000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 70	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form.)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I HAVE CONTACTED FORD MOTOR COMPANY'S CUSTOMER SERVICE DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS MY LOCAL FORD DEALER (CHARLIE HILLARD FORD-FORT WORTH). THEY BOTH TELL ME THAT THE HEAD GASKET ON A 1995 FORD WINSTAR HAS BEEN RECALLED. THIS VEHICLE HAS VIRTUALLY THE SAME 3.8L V6 ENGINE AS MY 1996 FORD MUSTANG. MY LOCAL FORD COMPANY TELLS ME THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IN THE TWO ENGINES IS THAT ONE VEHICLE IS FRONT-WHEEL DRIVE, AND THE OTHER REAR-WHEEL DRIVE. THE HEAD GASKETS SHOULD BE MANUFACTURED THE SAME ON THESE TWO VEHICLES. HOWEVER, FORD TELLS ME THEY CANNOT HELP ME PAY FOR THIS REPAIR - WHICH WAS A FAILURE OF THE HEAD GASKET. ADDITIONALLY, MY MECHANIC SAYS HE AND OTHER MECHANICS HE KNOWS HAVE SEEN THE SAME PROBLEM FREQUENTLY ON FORD MUSTANGS AND FORD THUNDERBIRD

CONTINUED ON BACK (REVERSE)

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.