

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.

717981

 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
1FALP67L5SK157550	FORD	CONTOUR	1995	

Purchase Date <b>01-NOV-1999</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>2.6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input 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 type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" 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 07460000 07300000 08000000	Par. Name(s) <b>POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY</b> <b>POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC</b> <b>ELECTRICAL SYSTEM</b>	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 <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>05-JAN-2000</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>57560</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>40</u>	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 <b>0</b>	Number of Fatalities <b>0</b>	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)**

**BECAUSE THE AXLE WAS PUT IN WRONG, MANY PROBLEMS OCCURED, INCLUDING TRANSMISSION AND ELECTRICAL PROBLEMS. I DO NOT KNOW ALL THE DETAILED PROBLEMS, BUT I HAVE A RECEIPT FROM MY MECHANIC WITH EVERYTHING LISTED. HE SAID THAT BECAUSE THE AXLE WAS NOT INSTALLED PROPERLY, THE TRANSMISSION FLUID LEAKED THROUGH IT AT AN ODD ANGLE. I ALSO HAVE A FAX FROM FORD THAT WAS SENT TO MY MECHANIC REGARDING WARNINGS OF THE AXLE BEING INCORRECTLY INSTALLED ON MY PARTICULAR VEHICLE. YOU MAY CONTACT MY MECHANIC FOR ANY INFORMATION YOU MAY NEED. HIS NAME IS KEN FOWLER, THE OWNER OF A-1 TRANSMISSIONS IN LUBBOCK, TX. HIS PHONE NUMBER IS 806-792-4319.**

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.