

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

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Reference No.

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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) (located at front of windshield on driver's side)		Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FAPP53S6XG198106		FORD	TAURUS	1999	
Purchase Date 01-OCT-1999	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ 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 ☐ Motorbell ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____
Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____					

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 15300000	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT: SPEED CONTROL	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 4	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>09-OCT-1999</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>2000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <u>55</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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

CRUISE CONTROL FAILED TO MAINTAIN SET SPEED ON DOWNHILL HIGHWAY. AS A MATTER OF FACT, THE SPEED INCREASED FROM 55 TO 85. SINCE IT WAS A NEW CAR, AND NO OTHER CARS ON THE STATE HIGHWAY AT THE TIME, I DID NOT REALIZE THE INCREASE IN SPEED SINCE THERE WERE OPEN FIELDS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ROAD. WHEN I NOTIFIED THE SELLER, I WAS TOLD THAT IT IS MARKED SO IN THE OWNER'S MANUAL. MY BASIC QUESTION IS, "WHO READS THE MANUAL BEFORE ACTUALLY HAVING A PROBLEM?" I BELIEVE THE WORDS, CRUISE CONTROL SHOULD NOT BE USED SINCE THE WORD CONTROL IS MISLEADING IF THE CAR GAINS SPEED ON A DOWNWARD SLOPE. OR AT LEAST, THE SELLER SHOULD NOTIFY THE PURCHASER WITH A BIG NOTATION THAT THIS IS SO. THE FAILURE OF THIS KNOWLEDGE LED TO MY GETTING A COSTLY SPEEDING TICKET FROM THE NEW YORK STATE

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.