

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

## FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 258

Date Received

09-MAY-2000

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Reference No.

722439

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

|                                                                                                                      |                                   |                                  |                             |                          |
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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) <small>(located at front of windshield on drivers side)</small><br><b>2FMDA5143WBB40852</b> | Vehicle Make<br><b>FORD TRUCK</b> | Vehicle Model<br><b>WINDSTAR</b> | Vehicle Year<br><b>1998</b> | Current Odometer Reading |
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| Purchase Date<br><b>01-AUG-1997</b>                                   | Dealer's Name _____                   | Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ | No Cylinders _____           |                                                                                                                                                         |

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

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| Component<br><b>11600000</b> | Part Name(s)<br><b>AIR CONDITIONER</b>                                                                                  | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failures               | Date(s) of Failure(s) <b>04-MAY-2000</b><br>Mileage at Failure(s) <b>55000</b><br>Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <b>45</b> | Failed Part(s) Available?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                    | NHTSA Previously Contacted?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No     |

## APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

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| Crash<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured<br><b>0</b> | Number of Fatalities<br><b>0</b> | Estimated Property Damage | Reported to Police<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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## NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE AIR CONDITIONING LINE LEADING TO THE BACK OF THE VEHICLE (FOR REAR COOLING) RUBBED AGAINST THE POWER STEERING LINE, CAUSING THE AIR CONDITIONING LINE TO RUPTURE. IF THIS HAD CAUSED THE RUPTURE OF THE POWER STEERING LINE, SIGNIFICANT SERIOUS SAFETY CONSEQUENCES COULD HAVE OCCURRED. ADDITIONALLY, THE LOSS OF THE TOTAL COOLANT DUE TO THE RUPTURED AIR CONDITIONING LINE IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS A MAJOR DESIGN FLAW IN THE VEHICLE AND ONE THAT WARRANTS IMMEDIATE ATTENTION BY THE MANUFACTURER. THE VEHICLE IS LESS THAN THREE YEARS OLD.

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.