

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.

723508

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 <b>FORD</b>	Vehicle Model <b>TAURUS</b>	Vehicle Year <b>1996</b>	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date <b>01-APR-2000</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <b>3.0 L</b>	<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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbell <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	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"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Ult Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	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	Part Name(s)	Location	Failed Part(s)
05230000 05260000 05210000	<b>ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM:PUMP:WATER</b> <b>ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM:THERMOSTAT</b> <b>ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM:RADIATOR</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Frnt <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement

No. of Failures <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <b>20-MAY-2000</b>	Failed Part(s) Available? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) <b>01000</b>		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____		

**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)**

**THE VEHICLE HAD A CONTINUING PROBLEM WITH OVERHEATING. I REPLACED THE THERMOSTAT, RADIATOR AND THE COOLING SYSTEM PRESSURE CAP TO NO AVAIL. I THEN REPLACED THE WATER PUMP. WHEN I REMOVED THE ORIGINAL WATER PUMP I NOTICED THAT THE IMPELLOR BLADES WERE BADLY DETERIORATED FROM CORROSION. THE BLADES WERE COMPLETELY CORRODED AWAY AND UNABLE TO MOVE WATER; THIS RESULTED IN THE ENGINE CONTINUING TO OVERHEAT. I BELIEVE THAT THE BLADES WERE UNABLE TO STAND UP TO THE COOLANT SOLUTION\*AK**

CONTINUED ON BACK PLEASE

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.