

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.

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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) 1FMDU32P6TZA37308	Vehicle Make FORD TRUCK	Vehicle Model EXPLORER	Vehicle Year 1996	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-NOV-1995	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) SL	☐ 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 _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02740000	Part Name(s) TIRES: TREAD	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	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)

ONE SPOT ON ONE TIRE WORE THROUGH INTO THE STEEL BELT WHILE THE REST OF THE TIRE TREAD HAD NO PROBLEMS WITH QUITE A BIT OF TREAD LEFT ON THEM. IT WAS ONLY BY CHANCE THAT I NOTICED THE WORN SPOT AND FORTUNATELY IT WAS BEFORE GOING ON A LONG TRIP. NEW TIRES, SAME TYPE WERE PURCHASED. MORE RECENTLY, I ROTATED THE ORIGINAL SPARE ONTO THE CAR AND NOTICED A STEERING PULL TO ONE SIDE AND FOUND IT WAS NOT AN ALIGNMENT PROBLEM. IT TURNED OUT THE ORIGINAL SPARE ALSO HAD ONE WORN OUT SPOT DOWN TO THE STEEL BELT WHILE THE REST OF THE TIRE WAS FINE. AT THE STORE I ASKED WHY IT MIGHT HAPPEN IN PARTICULAR ON TWO TIRES. THEY MENTIONED THERE PROBABLY WAS A DEFECT IN THE TIRE AND THEY WERE TO SAVE THE TIRE SO I COULD CONTACT FIRESTONE. HOWEVER, THEY SAVED THE WRON

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.