

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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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) (Listed at front of windshield or drivers side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU34X8MUA49116	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1991	

Purchase Date 01-MAR-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.0 LI	☐ 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 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 60	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)

I PURCHASED THIS VEHICLE MARCH 2000. THE VEHICLE HAS A VIBRATION IN THE REAR END AT SPEEDS GREATER THAN 60 MPH. TIRES HAVE BEEN COMPUTER BALANCED THEREFORE ELIMINATING THIS AS A CAUSE. THIS VEHICLE DOES HAVE THE FIRESTONE WILDERNESS AT TIRES AND I HAVE BEEN READING AND KEEPING UP WITH THE POSSIBLE RECALL. TO FIND THE POSSIBLE CAUSE OF THIS VIBRATION I DID SOME RESEARCH OVER THE WEB TO FIND THAT THOUSANDS OF EXPLORER OWNERS ARE HAVING THE SAME PROBLEM. MANY OF THEM HAVE WRITTEN OFF THE CAUSE AS "INHERANT TO THE VEHICLE". I HAVE A THEORY THAT THE PROBLEM WITH THE FIRESTONE TIRES ARE NOT JUST THE TIRES BUT ALSO STEM FROM THIS VIBRATION IN THE REAR END OF THE FORD EXPLORER. THE INFORMATION I HAVE BEEN READING SEEMS TO POINT TO THE FORD EXPLORER BEING THE MOST FRE-

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.