

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.

727685

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>(located at front of vehicle or on driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FALP64R8SH185767	FORD	THUNDERBIRD	1995	

Purchase Date <b>01-MAY-1995</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 3.8 L	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driver Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Inflator Bell <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" 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 Util Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	Body Style <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Station Wagon <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)
05200000	ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM	<input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	<input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No. of Failures <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-JAN-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 27000 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 <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)

THIS CAR HAS EXPERIENCED SMALL ENGINE COOLANT LEAKS. WHEN I RECEIVED A NOTICE (# 00M10) FROM THE DEALER CONCERNING HEAD GASKET FAILURE, I TOOK MY CAR TO MATHEWS FORD TO CHECK OUT THIS PROBLEM. I WAS TOLD I DID NOT HAVE HEAD GASKET FAILURE, BUT I DO HAVE A CRACKED FRONT COVER ENGINE GASKET. \$870 TO REPAIR AND FORD WOULD NOT OFFER ANY FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. I LEARNED OF FORD'S OWNER NOTIFICATION #99B29 WHICH OFFERS FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION FOR OWNERS OF THE 1995 THUNDERBIRDS. WHEN I ASKED THE DEALER ABOUT THIS HE INFORMED ME MY CAR WAS TOO OLD AND AGE HAS CAUSED THE GASKET TO CRACK. I BELIEVE THIS IS A MAJOR FLAW IN THIS ENGINE, AND FORD HAS KNOWN ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND OFFERS NO HELP. THIS ENGINE AND GASKET ARE DEFECTIVE. A GASKET SHOULDN'T

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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.