

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) (located at front of vehicle or driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU34XXTZA54402	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1996	

Purchase Date 01-JUN-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 4.0	☐ 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 ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other	Body Style ☐ Sport Vlt ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐ 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 ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 25-AUG-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 73623 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 65	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)

WE TOOK OUR CAR IN FOR AN OIL CHANGE AND ROTATION AND BALANCING OF TIRES. WE WERE TOLD WE HAD 4 GOOD TIRES. WHEN WE LEFT THE STORE, I FELT BUMPING IN THE TIRES. WE GOT ON THE THRUWAY AND DROVE ABOUT 30 MILES. WHEN WE RETURNED, WE SAW THE RUBBER HAD PEELED OFF ONE OF THE TIRES AND THE CORE WAS SHOWING. MY HUSBAND TOOK THE CAR BACK TO FIRESTONE. THEY DISCLAIMED ANY RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE TIRE PEELING AND HAD NO CLUE WHY IT WOULD HAVE HAPPENED. THEY TRIED TO SELL MY HUSBAND A BRAND NEW TIRE WITH NO PRO-RATING OR ANYTHING. JERRY WAS ANGRY AND TOLD THEM TO PUT THE SPARE ON. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM, THEY REPEATEDLY DENIED THAT THEIR WORK HAD ANYTHING TO DO WITH IT, EVEN THOUGH THEY ADMITTED THE TECH WAS NEW AND HAD LUMPED AL

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.