

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 windshield or driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU32X2TZA54624	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1996	

Purchase Date 01-FEB-1996	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ 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 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-JUN-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 56000 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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

ON THE FIRST INCIDENT ONE OF THE TIRES WAS IN PRETTY BAD SHAPE AND READY TO EXPLODE, IT CAUSED MY CAR TO BE MISALIGNED. DURING THE ALIGNMENT THEY DISCOVERED THE DEFECT AND REPLACE THE TIRE FOR THE SAME TYPE. ON THE SECOND INCIDENT THE TIRE PEELED-OFF WHILE I WAS DRIVING ON THE FREEWAY AT 65MPH. I WAS LUCKY TO BEING ABLE TO CONTROL THE CAR AND PULL TO THE SIDE. BUT IT WAS VERY SCARY AND I ALMOST CRASHED. AT THAT TIME I WAS DRIVING WITH MY WIFE (PREGNANT 6 MONTHS) AND MY 3 YEAR OLD SON. THE TIRE PROBLEM CAUSED A LOT OF DAMAGE TO THE CAR AND PART OF IT WAS COVERED BY THE INSURANCE. PLEASE HELP ME GET A REFUND FROM THESE PROBLEMS AS NOW FIRESTONE HAS ACCEPTED RESPONSIBILITY IN THIS QUALITY ISSUE. THANKS. FRANCISCO BUITRON.

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.