

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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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 between front fender or driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FASP15JXSW236172	FORD	ESCORT	1995	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-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 ☐ Station Wagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 11000000	Part Name(s) HEATER/DEFROSTER/DEFOGGER AND VENTILATION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures	Dates of Failure(s) 01-FEB-1997 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 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)

WHEN THIS COMPONENT FAILED, IT OVERHEATED AND MELTED THE WIRING HARNESS. I WORKED FOR THE SELLING DEALER AND MADE THE REPAIRS MYSELF. HAVING WORKED AT A FORD DEALERSHIP, I CAN CONFIRM THAT THIS MELTING OF THE WIRING HARNESS WAS A COMMON PROBLEM. THE FAILURE RESULTS IN NO BLOWER OPERATION AND THEREFORE NO DEFROSTERS IN CASE OF ICE OR FOG BUILDUP. THE PROBLEM IS REOCCURRING AND WE CAN SMELL THE WIRING OVERHEATING AGAIN. THE WIRING WILL NEED TO BE REPLACED OR REPAIRED AGAIN BEFORE WINTER. AS YOU KNOW, FORD HAS A LONG HISTORY OF DEFECTIVE WIRING HARNESSES IN MOST OF IT'S PRODUCT LINE.

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.