

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 on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU32X3SZB32195	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1995	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1995	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) V6	☐ 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 01120000 08500000	Part Name(s) STEERING COLUMN ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 60	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-SEP-1999 Mileage at Failure(s) 85000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 30	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)

LAST YEAR MY CAR WOULD SHUT DOWN. GO FROM REGULAR RPM TO ZERO AND DIE. THIS WOULD LOCK MY STEERING COLUMN. I OBSERVED THAT THIS HAPPENED WHEN THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE EXCEEDED ABOUT 90 DEGREES F AND THE CAR WAS EXPOSED TO SUN (MORE LIKELY TO SHUT DOWN THAT IF I WAS COMING OUT OF A COVERED GARAGE WHERE THE TEMP WAS LOWER, UNTIL EXPOSED TO THE HIGHER OUTSIDE TEMP READ. THE STEERING COLUMN WOULD LOCK AS THE IGNITION SHUT OFF WHETHER I WAS IDLING IN A DRIVE THRU LANE OR EXISTING A FREEWAY RAMP WHERE I WOULD EXPECT TO GO FROM 55 TO 35 TO ZERO AT THE STOP, I WOULD GO TO ZERO AND BYPASS 34-1 MPH. JUST COMPLETE SYSTEM SHUT DOWN AND COLUMN LOCK. I TOOK THE CAR IN AND THEY SAID IT WAS THE FUEL INJECTORS AND PAID \$500 FOR WHO KNOWS W

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.