

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.

732067

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 bottom of windshield or driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FALP5242SA130659	FORD	TAURUS	1995	

Purchase Date <b>01-NOV-1998</b>	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) 3.8 LI	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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 <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input 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 Utl <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" 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 <b>05150021</b>	Part Name(s) <b>ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER</b>	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No. of Failures <b>1</b>	Date(s) of Failure(s) <b>08-SEP-2000</b> Mileage at Failure(s) <b>62253</b> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) <b>65</b>	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 <b>0</b>	Number of Fatalities <b>0</b>	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 HAD A HEADGASKET FAILURE IN APRIL 2000. IT WAS REPAIRED AT BERGLUND FORD IN SALEM VIRGINIA. BERGLUND DETERMINED THE HEADGASKET FAILURE CAUSED ANTIFREEZE TO CONTAMINATE ALL ENGINE COMPONENTS. WHEN THEY TORE DOWN THE ENGINE THEY FOUND ANTIFREEZE IN EVERY COMPARTMENT OF THE ENGINE. THEY CHANGED ALL GASKETS, REPLACED ALL FLUIDS, DID A CHANGE OF SPARK PLUGS AND CHANGED THE OXYGEN SENSOR. THEY CHARGED ME OVER \$398. TO REPLACE GASKETS THEY SAID NEEDED REPLACED BUT WEREN'T COVERED UNDER THE WARRANTY RECALL. I PAID THIS TO GET MY CAR REPAIRED HOPEFULLY CORRECTLY. NO OTHER OPTION WAS GIVEN TO ME EVEN THOUGH I FELT THEY SHOULD HAVE REPLACED THE ENGINE. NOT 6 MONTH LATER I SUFFERED COMPLETE ENGINE FAILURE AFTER ONLY

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.