



U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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29-JAN-2001

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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 bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FTNX21LXYEB59124	FORD TRUCK	F250	2000	

Purchase Date 01-DEC-2099 ☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size _____ (CID/CC/L) No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
Transmission Type ☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	Antilock Brakes ☐ Yes ☒ No	Restraint System ☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☒ No
Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other _____	☐ Sport Util Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 01500000	Part Name(s) STEERING:LINKAGES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 13-AUG-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 40	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)

INFORMATION PROVIDED BY OWNER'S ATTORNEY, ERIC G. KRAFT, OF KLEND, MITCHELL, AUSTERMAN & ZUERCHER, L.L.C., PH. (316)267-0331, FAX (316)267-0333. PLEASE CONTACT ATTORNEY FOR FURTHER INFORMATION/DETAILS. FORD HAS BEEN CONTACTED AND HAS DENIED THAT ANY SUCH DEFECT EXISTS. OWNER'S INSURER HAS DETERMINED THAT SUBJECT COMPONENT IS DEFECTIVE AND REFUSES TO COVER THE LOSS OF THE COMPONENT, ALTHOUGH HAS COVERED OTHER LOSS ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLLISION. *AK

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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.

July 2, 2001

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Part to NSA-10.11*

Re: **2000 Ford F-250 Steering Sector**

Dear Mr. Ridgley:

Thank you for your letter of June 20, 2001 enclosing the shipping label for the above-referenced part. I have enclosed the steering arm with this letter. It is my belief and consistent with my client's version of events that this steering sector broke apart causing a loss of control of his vehicle while he was driving in Missouri. This loss of control caused him to collide with a roadside bluff and caused significant damage to his vehicle. Luckily, no one was hurt due to their use of seatbelts and because of their low speed at the time of collision.

Please test this part to determine whether it is defective. As this part is part of the litigation filed against Ford, I may need it returned to me for further testing by the defendant's attorney or expert. Currently, I have received no request for such testing.

Please inform me at once of your findings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me directly.

Very truly yours,

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