



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
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INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2FMDA5146TBA58402	FORD TRUCK	WINDSTAR	1996	
Purchase Date 01-FEB-2099	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8L	☐ 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 ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control ☒ Yes ☐ No	Drive Train ☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel
Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____		Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____		

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 05150021	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 12-MAR-2000 57709 Mileage at Failure(s) 50	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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 Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

FORD REFUSES TO LISTEN TO OUR REQUEST FOR COMPENSATION, SIMPLY BECAUSE WE DID NOT RECEIVE SERVICE AT A FORD GARAGE. WE DID NOT KNOW OR EXPECT THE HEAD GASKET TO HAVE BLOWN. WE WERE STRANDED ON A SUNDAY MORNING IN ONTARIO, SOME 650 MILES FROM HOME. WE WERE TOWED TO THE ONLY SERVICE FACILITY OPEN ON A SUNDAY (CANADIAN TIRE) WHO COULD POTENTIALLY GET US BACK ON OUR WAY. WE NEVER EXPECTED A MAJOR ENGINE PROBLEM TO OCCUR AT 57,709 MILES. WE FEEL FORD SHOULD COMPENSATE US FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE HEAD GASKET, AS IT IS A KNOWN PROBLEM AND WAS RECALLED ON THE 1995 WINSTARS. APPARENTLY THE 1996 WINDSTARS HAVE THE SAME HEAD GASKET PROBLEM AS THE 1995S, BUT HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECALLED. JUST BECAUSE WE WERE NOT AT A FORD DEALER OR GARAGE SHOULD NOT LET FORD OFF T

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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.