



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)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
JF1SF6556WG711092	SUBARU TRUCK	FORESTER	1998	

Purchase Date 01-DEC-2097	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>2.5L</u>	☐ 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 12110000	Part Name(s) INTERIOR SYSTEMS: PASSIVE RESTRAINT: AIR BAG	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>06-MAR-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>63349</u>	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

STEERING WHEEL AIRBAG COVER HAS SPLIT; A SUBARU 3YR/36K WARRANTY ITEM; IF CAR WERE IN CRASH, WOULDN'T THE AIRBAG POSSIBLY CAUSE INJURY BY INFLATING OUT OF THE TORN AIRBAG COVER ON THE STEERING WHEEL? CANNOT REPLACE JUST THE COVER; WILL COST \$1000+/- TO REPLACE THE AIRBAG AND COVER. SHOULDN'T THE ORIGINAL DRIVER AIRBAG ASSEMBLY BE A SEATBELT-LIKE WARRANTY ITEM? THE PLASTIC COVER SPLITS, THE AIRBAG COULD INJURE IN A WAY NOT EXPECTED, AND THE MANUFACTURER DOES NOT HAVE TO PROVIDE A WARRANTY FOR ITS DEFECTIVE PRODUCT.*AK

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