



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
1FTRX18W2XNB46351	FORD TRUCK	F150	1999	

Purchase Date 01-MAY-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.6L	☐ 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 01211000	Part Name(s) STEERING:MANUAL:SHAFT LOWER WORM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 15-APR-2001 22000 Mileage at Failure(s) _____	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 _____	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WE COULD HEAR AND FEEL A "CLUNKING" THROUGH THE STEERING WHEEL. TOOK THE TRUCK TO THE DEALER TO HAVE IT CHECKED. FOUND THAT THE LOWER STEERING SHAFT WAS BROKEN AND WAS ADVISED TO STOP DRIVING THE VEHICLE UNTIL IT COULD BE REPAIRED. WAS ALSO TOLD BY THE SERVICE MANAGER THAT THIS PROBLEM WAS FAIRLY COMMON WITH THE F150 AND IN FACT THEY HAD THE REQUIRED PART TO FIX IT IN STOCK. THIS TRUCK IS ONLY TWO YEARS OLD AND HAS NEVER BEEN DRIVEN OFF-ROAD OR INVOLVED IN ANY TYPE OF ACCIDENT. I AM VERY CONCERNED THAT THIS TYPE OF FAILURE COULD OCCUR, AND APPARANTLY IS NOT UNCOMMON. THE BREAK WAS APPARANTLY IN A "KNUCKLE" IN THE STEERING SHAFT, WHICH IS WHY WE COULD STILL STEER THE VEHICLE AT ALL. AK

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

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.