



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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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>(Location at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
	FORD TRUCK	AEROSTAR	1996	

Purchase Date 01-SEP-1996	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>6</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input 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"/> Motorbelt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" 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"/> Sport Util <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 14-MAR-2001 61000 Mileage at Failure(s) 45	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	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)

COMPONENT #1: RIGHT REAR PASSENGER TIRE....I HEARD A THUMPING NOISE AND PULLED OVER TO CHECK.I FOUND THAT THE TIRE WAS FAILING ON THE INSIDE CAUSING A VERY LARGE BUBBLING EFFECT TO OCCUR WHICH IN TURN WAS BREAKING THE INNER TIRE WIRES AND PUSHING THE TREAD OUT FROM THE BODY OF THE TIRE. WHEN I TOOK IT INTO TIRE KINGDOM, SO. US #1, FT. PIERCE, I WAS TOLD THAT IT WAS CAUSE FROM UNEVEN OUTER WEAR--NOT!--AND THAT SINCE I HAD BOUGHT THE LOWER PRICED TIRE THAT THAT WAS ALL I COULD EXPECT. I HAD TO BUY A REPLACEMENT TIRE. THE SAME THING HAPPENED ON 4/17/2001 TO THE DRIVER FRONT TIRE. PLEASE BEAR IN MIND THAT ALL FOUR OF THE TIRES ON THIS VEHICLE WERE BOUT AT THE DAME TIME AND EXPERIENCE THE SAME WEAR. I AM CONCERNED THAT THIS IS A SERIOUS TYPE OF DEFECT IN THE SAME VEIN AS THE FIRESTONE FAILURES

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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.