



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
1ZWFT6030X5603955	MERCURY	COUGAR	1999	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.0L	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☐ New ☒ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type	Body Style
☐ Manual ☒ Automatic	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 07380000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC:COOLING UNIT AND	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 31-MAY-2001 53600 Mileage at Failure(s) 0	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
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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)

VEHICLE EXPERIENCED SEVERE LEAKAGE OF TRANSMISSION FLUID THROUGH VENT AND UP THROUGH DIPSTICK, EJECTING ENOUGH FLUID WITH ENOUGH FORCE TO RENDER VEHICLE INOPERABLE WITHIN LESS THAN 5 MINUTES. THIS MAJOR LEAK OCCURRED UPON PARKING OF VEHICLE, BUT MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN TAKING PLACE WHILE DRIVING. A FORD-ISSUED TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN REPORTEDLY RECOGNIZES THE VENT DESIGN AND SIDE COVER DESIGN ON THIS MODEL AS DEFICIENT/FLAWED AND IN NEED OF REPLACEMENT WITH NEWLY DESIGNED PARTS (RELATED SERVICE BULLETIN NUMBERS MAY BE: 99249, 12119, 985136 - I HAVE NOT SEEN THE ACTUAL TSB). SAFETY CONCERNS ARE OBVIOUS; SLIPPING/FALSE SHIFTING OF TRANSAXLE WHILE DRIVING, SLIPPING OR FAILING TO FULLY ENGAGE WHEN DEPARTING A PARKED POSITION, DANGER FROM LEAKED FLUID ITSELF

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.