



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
1FMDU34X3NUB38528	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1992	

Purchase Date 01-JAN-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>4.0L</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 12320000	Part Name(s) INTERIOR SYSTEMS:SEAT LATCH	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>13-JUN-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>30250</u> <u>60</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 C	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)

WHILE DRIVING ON EXPRESSWAY AT 60MPH THE DRIVER'S SIDE SEAT BACK BROKE AND FELL BACK INTO THE REAR SEAT PASSENGER. THE DEALER CLAIMS THEY CANNOT OBTAIN NEW PART TO REPLACE SEAT FROM FORD MOTOR COMPANY BECAUSE PART IS DISCONTINUED. THEY WOULD NOT SUGGEST ALTERNATIVE REPAIR. CONTACTED FORD MOTOR COMPANY AND THEY COULD ONLY SUGGEST THREE PHONE NUMBERS OF COMPANIES THAT DEAL IN DISCONTINUED PARTS. NONE OF THOSE PLACES HAVE THE PART EITHER. APPARENTLY FORD ISN'T INTERESTED IN REPAIRING OR PROVIDING A PART TO FIX THIS VEHICLE. THIS VEHICLE ALSO HAS THE FAILING FIRESTONE WILDERNESS AT TIRES...CAN'T FIND A DEALER WHO HAS REPLACEMENT TIRES YET EITHER. I HAVE HEARD OF SEVERAL OTHER PEOPLE WHO HAVE HAD PROBLEMS WITH SEATS BREAKING IN EXPLORERS...IN FACT I THINK FORD HAS ISSUED A TECH

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.