



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2FMDA5140TBC71698	FORD TRUCK	WINDSTAR	1996	
Purchase Date 01-JAN-1997	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8 L	☐ 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 05100000 07300000 08500000	Part Name(s) ENGINE POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 18-JAN-2001 58100 Mileage at Failure(s) 0	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 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

ORIGINAL TRANSMISSION FAILED AT 37900 MI. - DETECTED WHEN TRANS FLUID LEAKED ONTO HOT ENGINE PART AND SMOKED. ORIGINAL WARRANTY EXPIRED AT 36,000 MI. DEALER TOLD ME THAT FMC WOULD SELL ME AN "EXTENDED POWERTRAIN WARRANTY" FOR \$250. THE WARRANTY WOULD COVER THE PREVIOUSLY DIAGNOSED TRANSMISSION FAILURE AND WOULD COVER ANY OTHER MAJOR TRANS/ENGINE PROBLEMS UP TO 75,000 MILES, PROVIDED I AM STILL THE OWNER OF THE VEHICLE. I PURCHASED THE EXTENDED WARRANTY AND WAS GLAD I DID WHEN THE REPLACED TRANS FAILED TA 42,952 MILES. THE DEALER REPLACED THAT TRANS, I HAD TO PAY A \$50 DEDUCTIBLE. IN JAN. 2001 (58,100 MILES) THE WARRANTY HAD TO BE USED AGAIN. THIS TIME IT WAS FOR "UPPER AND LOWER MANIFOLD SEALS". HOWEVER, THIS TIME IT WOULD COST ME \$213 BECAUSE THEY ALSO HAD TO REPLAC

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.