



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield and door frame) 2FMDA5146TBA30275	Vehicle Make FORD TRUCK	Vehicle Model WINDSTAR	Vehicle Year 1996	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-JUN-1999	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8L	☐ 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 05150021	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-MAR-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 85000	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

IT WAS AT THE BEGINNING OF MARCH AND I NOTICED THAT AS I WAS DRIVING THE HEATER WOULD BLOW WARM AIR AND THEN FOR NO REASON IT WOULD BLOW COLD AIR. I THOUGHT THAT IT WAS PROBABLY A BAD HEATER CORE OR THERMOSTAT SO I TOOK IT TO OUR LOCAL MECHANIC. HE CHECKED IT OUT AND SAID THAT IT WAS A BLOWN HEAD GASKET. HE SUGGESTED THAT WE CHECK WITH OUR LOCAL FORD DEALER BECAUSE HE HAD HEARD THERE WAS A RECALL ON THE 3.8 LITER ENGINE. WE CHECKED WITH THEM AND OF COURSE THEY DIDN'T WANT TO TELL US MUCH UNTIL AFTER WE BROUGHT IT TO THEM AND THEY RAN A DIAGNOSTICS TEST WHICH WOULD COST US \$125 AND IF IT WASN'T UNDER THE RECALL IT WOULD BE SOME WHERE BETWEEN \$1800 - \$2200 TO REPLACE THE HEAD GASKET. OBVIOUSLY WE CHOSE OUR LOCAL MECHANIC AT \$1150.08 AND CHOSE TO PERSUE CUST

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.