



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
1FMZU74E02UA38197	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	2002	
Purchase Date 01-JUL-2001	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.0	☐ 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 10140000	Part Name(s) VISUAL SYSTEMS:GLASS:WINDOW:TAILGATE AND BACK DOOR	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 20-JUL-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 200	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 1	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag _____	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

FOUR HOURS AFTER NEW VEHICLE WAS COLLECTED FROM DEALER, GLASS TAILGATE EXPLODED ON BEING CLOSED GENTLY. COMPLETE REAR WINDOW SHATTERED WITH SUCH FORCE THAT METAL COMPONENTS OF THE DOOR WERE BADLY BENT AND SCRATCHED. GLASS WAS SCATTERED OVER A RADIUS OF 20 FEET, INCLUDING INTO THE BACK SEATS AND ONTO THE ROOF. MY RIGHT LEG WAS CUT IN THREE PLACES. LUCKILY, MY CHILDREN WERE NOT IN OR AT THE BACK AT THE TIME OF THE EXPLOSION. THE ENTIRE DOOR WAS REPLACED BY THE DEALER WITHIN FOUR BUSINESS HOURS. UNLESS RECALLED, THIS APPARENTLY COMMON DEFECT WILL RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY. *AK

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.