



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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Reference No.

750145

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
2FMDA5147WBB54558	FORD TRUCK	WINDSTAR	1998	

Purchase Date 01-SEP-1997	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>3.8L</u>	☐ 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 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) 29-JUL-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 81968	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)

THE 1998 FORD WINDSTAR 3.8L V-6 ENGINE'S HEAD GASKET LEAKED ON OUR WINDSTAR AND THE COOLANT CONTAMINATED THE ENGINE OIL, WHICH CREATED ENGINE FAILURE DUE TO EXCESS BEARING WEAR. IN THE LAST 2,000 MILES WE LOST APPROXIMATELY 2 QUARTS OF COOLANT. FORD SAYS IT DOES NOT HAVE A RECALL FOR THE 3.8L HEAD GASKET PROBLEM AND WILL NOT COMPENSATE US FOR THE COSTS OF INSTALLING A NEW FQR 3.8L ENGINE. THE NEW FQR ENGINE ONLY HAS A 24 MONTH/24,000 MILE WARRANTY, WHICH MAY FAIL AGAIN AFTER THE 2YEAR/24,000 MILE AND THE CUSTOMER IS TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AGAIN! FORD IS AWARE OF THE 3.8L ENGINE HEAD GASKET PROBLEM AND HAS HAD THE PROBLEM SINCE 1988 MODEL YEAR. FORD HAS ISSUED TWO ONPS (OWNER NOTIFICATION PROGRAM) 98M01 WHICH EXTENDED THE WARRANTY FOR 5YEARS/60,000 THROUGH 1995

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