



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) <small>(Locate at bottom of and/or on driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
1FALP53S3TG128267	FORD	TAURUS	1996			
Purchase Date 01-APR-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.0L	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio			
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____				
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 07300000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-MAY-2001 86067	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 0		

**APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION**

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)**

OTRANSMISSION GOES INTO NEUTRAL WHEN COMING TO A STOP. THE TRANSMISSION WAS 'REPAIRED' BY METRO AUTO REPAIR SERVICE, 4633A AUBURN BLVD., SACRAMENTO, CA 95841, (916) 485-3240. THIS REPAIR SERVICE STATED IN THEIR WORK ORDER: "TRANSMISSION NEUTRALS WHEN COMING TO A STOP. REMOVE FOR OVERHAUL, FOUND BAD FORWARD PISTON CAUSING SEAL TO BYPASS PRESSURE. ALSO FOUND FORWARD CLUTCH VALVE RETAINER BROKEN, REBUILD TRANSMISSION REPLACING CLUCHES, SEALS AND GASKETS ALSO REPLACE TORQUE CONVERTER AND REFL FLUID." THE TOTAL CHARGES FOR THIS SERVICE WAS FOR "\$1098.25" (INCLUDED "23.36 SALES TAX"). ON AUGUST 10, 2001, MY WIFE NOTED THE TRANSMISSION WOULD SLIP INTO NEUTRAL GEAR WHEN COMING TO A STOP; MAKING VERY UNSAFE TO OPERATE THE VEHICLE. THIS IS THE SAME TRANSMISSION PROBLEM THAT WI

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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.