



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 door hinge)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
UNKNOWN	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	2002	
Purchase Date	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection
☒ New ☐ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		No Cylinders _____	
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train
☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Bel ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel
Vehicle Type	Body Style			
☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____			

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02615000	Part Name(s) WHEELS:LUGS:NUTS:BOLTS	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-AUG-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) _____	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 C	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)

ON 8-10-01 I WAS DRIVING A HERTZ CAR RENTAL 2001 OR 2002 FORD EXPLORER ON I-75 TO THE ATLANTA AIRPORT. I BEGAN NOTICING "SHIMMING" IN THE STEERING WHEEL. SOON AFTER THE "SHIMMYING" BECAME WORSE AND I EXPERIENCED EXCESSIVE "PLAY" IN THE STEERING WHEEL. I PULLED ONTO THE SHOULDER WITHOUT INCIDENT. LATER, A TOW TRUCK DRIVER DISCOVERED THAT 3 OUT OF 5 LUG NUTS HAD BEEN SHEARED OFF COMPLETELY -- CAUSING THE RIGHT FRONT WHEEL TO "WOBBLE" SIGNIFICANTLY WHEN ROTATING. IF THE WHEEL HAD COME OFF THE VEHICLE, IT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN VERY SERIOUS INJURY/DEATH -- ESPECIALLY ON BUSY TRUCK LADER I-75 JUST NORTH OF ATLANTA. JUST WANT YOU TO BE AWARE OF THIS SERIOUS MATTER.*AK

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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.