



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FALP65L0TK196230	FORD	CONTOUR	1996	

Purchase Date 01-AUG-1999	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.5L	☐ 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 _____
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 05100000 06610001	Part Name(s) ENGINE EXHAUST SYSTEM:MANIFOLD:OXYGEN SENSOR	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No. of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-MAY-2001 66000	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
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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)

EVER SINCE BUYING OUR 1996 2.5L CONTOUR IN AUG. OF 1999 WE HAVE HAD NOTHING BUT PROBLEMS OUT OF IT. OUR FIRST PROBLEM WE EXPERIENCED WAS A LOUD HOWLING COMING FROM THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT, LATER TO DISCOVER THE FACTORY INSTALLED MASS AIR FLOW INTAKE HOSE KIT HAD BEEN REVISED THUS LEAVING US TO HAVE TO PURCHASE THE NEW AT A TOTAL PRICE OF \$97.00 DOLLARS TO FIX THE PROBLEM. SHORTLY AFTER GETTING THIS ONE PROBLEM FIXED ANOTHER AROSE. THIS TIME BOTH THE CHECK ENGINE LIGHT AND COOLING SYSTEM LIGHTS ARE ON CONTINUOUSLY DESPITE HAVING PROPER FLUID LEVELS. ALONG WITH THE OTHER PROBLEMS EVERY TIME THE CAR IS STARTED IN THE MORNING OR ANY TIME THE ENGINE IS COLD IT IDLES ROUGHLY FOR ABOUT 20 SECONDS AND THEN QUILTS AND NO ONE CAN EXPLAIN THIS WEIRD PHENOMENA BUT IS SURE SEEMS TO

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.