



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FTSX31F71EC23164	FORD TRUCK	F350	2001	

Purchase Date 01-MAR-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L <u>7.3LTR</u>)	☐ 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 01300000	Part Name(s) STEERING:POWER ASSIST	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>21-AUG-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>8000</u>	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 <u>0</u>	Number of Fatalities <u>0</u>	Estimated Property Damag <u>0</u>	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

DANGER!!! WHEN PRESSING ON THE BRAKE PEDAL THERE IS A LOSS OF POWER STEERING AND AS A RESULT THE DRIVER IS UNABLE TO TURN THE STEERING WHEEL. THIS IS ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION WHERE A DRIVER MAYBE REQUIRED TO STEP ON THE BRAKES AND TURN TO AVOID AN ONCOMING CAR. FROM READING THE FORD-DIESEL WEBSITE THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED BOTH TO FORD AND NHTSA BUT THERE HAS BEEN NO ACTION TAKEN BY EITHER PARTIES. FORD TELLS THEIR CUSTOMERS THAT THIS IS NORMAL. PLEASE DON'T WAIT FOR SOMEONE TO GET HURT AND TAKE IMMEDIATE CORRECTIVE ACTION. THIS IS A SERIOUS DESIGN FLAW WHICH IS A SITTING TIME BOMB AND AS DANGEROUS AS HAVING BAD TIRES. BECAUSE EVERY FORD TRUCK HAS THIS PROBLEM IT DOES NOT GIVE FORD THE RIGHT TO SAY IT IS NORMAL AND THEIR IS NOTHING WRONG

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.