



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 and door frame)		Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
JF1SF63541H717110		SUBARU TRUCK	FORESTER	2001	
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	Vehicle Type
☐ 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 _____
					Body Style
					☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02170000	Part Name(s) SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT:BEARING WHEEL	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 08-JAN-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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

I ALREADY HAD TO CHANGE BROKEN BEARINGS IN BOTH REAR WHEELS OF MY 2001 SUBARU FORESTER. I AM TRAINED TO MONITOR NOISE AND VIBRATION AND WAS ABLE TO CATCH THE PROBLEM IN-TIME. THE REPLACEMENT WAS MADE BY A SUBARU DEALER WITH NO COST TO ME. I THINK THAT MOST DRIVERS WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO CATCH THE PROBLEM AND THE SITUATION MAY BE LIFE THREATENING IF THE BEARING FINALLY COMPLETELY BREAKS AT HIGH SPEED AND FREEZE THE WHEEL. I SENT ACOMPLAIN TO SUBARU COMPANY. THE COMPANY RESPONSE (CASE # 332444): "THE PARTS THAT YOU HAD REPLACED ARE MECHANICAL. AS YOU KNOW, MECHANICAL PARTS CAN FAIL." I DO NOT THINK THAT IT IS NORMAL IF WHEEL BEARINGS FAIL IN A NEW CAR IN THE FIRST YEAR.*AK

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.