



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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27-AUG-2001

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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
1FTWW33F9XEB28146	FORD TRUCK	F350	1999	

Purchase Date 01-JUL-1998	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 7.3 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	Body Style
☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Motorbelt ☒ Driverside Airbag ☐ 2-Point Belt ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☒ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Sport Util ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other _____	☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☒ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 07100000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:CLUTCH ASSEMBLY	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No of Failure 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 25-AUG-2001 Mileage at Failure(s) 11000 0	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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

CLUTCH HYDRAULIC RELEASE SYSTEM FAILED CATASTROPHICALLY, CAUSING VEHICLE TO JUMP FORWARD IMMEDIATELY AND VIOLENTLY. FORTUNATELY THE CAR IN FRONT OF ME WAS FAR ENOUGH AWAY SO THAT I DIDN'T HIT IT, BEFORE GETTING VEHICLE STOPPED. ON INVESTIGATION, I FOUND THAT THE ROLL PIN WHICH HOLDS THE CLUTCH LINE INTO THE SLAVE CYLINDER HAD BACKED OUT, AND ALLOWED THE HIGH PRESSURE LINE TO DISCONNECT. WHEN THIS HAPPENED, THE CLUTCH ENGAGED VIOLENTLY, AND THE VEHICLE LURCHED FORWARD ON ENGINE POWER. THIS COULD HAVE CAUSED A MAJOR ACCIDENT, IF ANY OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES HAD BEEN DIFFERENT.*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.