



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 driver's side) 1FALP66L6TK241797	Vehicle Make FORD	Vehicle Model CONTOUR	Vehicle Year 1996	Current Odometer Reading _____
Purchase Date 01-AUG-1996	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	☐ 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 12450001 08400000	Part Name(s) INTERIOR SYSTEMS:LIGHTER:CIGARETTE ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:FUSE AND FUSE RECEPTACLE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ 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)

THE CAR HAS LESS THAN 5,000 MILES . THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER/ACCESSORY OUTLET DEVELOPED A SHORT WITH FUSE BLOWOUT . THE INTERIOR LEVER TO THE LEFT OF THE DRIVER'S SEAT DOES NOT FUNCTION TO OPEN THE OUTSIDE LID COVERING THE GAS CAP . THE CAR IS IN ALMOST NEW CONDITION WITH LESS THAN 5,000 MILES SINCE 1996 . CAR IS ALSO IN FOR MANDATORY RECALL SERVICING DUE TO NOTICE FROM FORD .HAVE THERE BEEN OTHER COMPLAINTS ABOUT SHORTING IN THE CIGARETTE LIGHTER/ACCESSORY OUTLET SYSTEM ? HAVE THERE BEEN OTHER COMPLAINTS ABOUT THE INTERIOR GAS CAP LID LEVER NOT FUNCTIONING ? I AM BEING CHARGED FOR THE REPAIR OF THESE ITEMS . I WONDER WHETHER THERE WAS A BASIC DESIGN DEFICIENCY THAT LED TO SUCH MALFUNCTIONING AFTER LESS THAN 5,000 MILES .*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.