



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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                         |
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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN)<br><small>(Location at bottom of<br/>windshield and driver's side)</small><br><b>1FMDU34X4MUD04876</b>                                                                                                                                 | Vehicle Make<br><b>FORD TRUCK</b>                                                         | Vehicle Model<br><b>EXPLORER</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Vehicle Year<br><b>1991</b>                                                              | Current Odometer Reading                                                                                                                                |
| Purchase Date<br><b>01-MAY-1991</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Dealer's Name _____                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) <b>4.0 L</b>                                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                                                                                                                           | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | No Cylinders _____                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                         |
| Transmission Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic                                                                                                                                                           | Antilock Brakes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | Restraint System<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | Cruise Control<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | Drive Train<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel                           |
| Vehicle Type<br><input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                                                                           | Body Style<br><input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____                      |                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                                         |

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

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| Component<br><b>12310000<br/>02616000<br/>07300000</b> | Part Name(s)<br><b>INTERIOR SYSTEMS:SEAT TRACKS AND ANCHORS<br/>WHEELS:CAP:COVER:HUB<br/>POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC</b> | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure<br><b>1</b>                              | Date(s) of Failure(s) _____<br>Mileage at Failure(s) _____                                                                      | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                |

### APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

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| Crash<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured<br><b>C</b> | Number of Fatalities<br><b>0</b> | Estimated Property Damag | Reported to Police<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

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