



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) <small>(Location at bottom of and/or above driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
3FALP6539SM112767	FORD	CONTOUR	1995			
Purchase Date 01-JAN-1996	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 2.0	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio			
<input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____				
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

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

Component 05150021 05230000 05240000	Part Name(s) ENGINE:GASKETS:VALVE COVER ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM:PUMP:WATER ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM:FAN	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-OCT-2001 96470 Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <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)

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

RADIATOR FAN MOTOR NOT WORKING PROPERLY AND WATER PUMP FAILURE CAUSED ENGINE TO OVERHEAT. THIS THEN CAUSED THE ENGINE HEAD OR GASKET TO FAIL. ALSO EXPECT TO FIND WATER PUMP IMPELLER DAMAGE. THESE COMPONENT FAILURES HAVE PRODUCED A VERY EXPENSIVE REPAIR ESTIMATE. BY SEARCHING CONSUMER COMPLAINTS ON THIS WEBSITE, OWNERS CAN PLAINLY SEE THAT THE COOLING SYSTEM FAILURES ARE CAUSEING EXTENSIVE AND COSTLY DAMAGE TO THE VEHICLE ENGINE. A RECALL IS IN EFFECT FOR THE FAN MOTORS, THIS DOES NOT ADDRESS THE DAMAGE CAUSED TO THE VEHICLE ENGINE BY THE FAILURE OF THE FAN MOTOR. THIS VEHICLE WAS PURCHASED USED ABOUT 1 MONTH AGO, AND I DID NOT HAVE A NOTICE OF VEHICLE RECALL ON THE RADIATOR FAN MOTOR.\*AK

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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.