



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) <small>(Location at bottom of and/or above windshield)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading |
| 1FALP54N8TA263417 | FORD | TAURUS | 1996 | |

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|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Purchase Date 01-FEB-2000 | Dealer's Name _____ | Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.4L | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ | No Cylinders _____ | |

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|--|---|--|--|---|--|--|
| Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel | Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle | Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

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|-----------------------|--|--|--|
| Component 05150031 | Part Name(s) ENGINE-CAMSHAFT (8/82) | Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure 1 | Date(s) of Failure(s) 06-MAY-2001 | Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| | Mileage at Failure(s) 95000 | | |
| | Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 55 | | |

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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured 0 | Number of Fatalities 0 | 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)

THIS IS THE SECOND TIME A CAMSHAFT SPROCKET HAS FAILED. THE FIRST TIME WAS UNDER WARRANTY SO THE ENGINE WAS REPLACED AT NO COST TO ME. NOW MY WARRANTY IS OUT AND THE ESTIMATED BILL IS OVER \$3,000. THIS COULD BE A VERY DANGEROUS SITUATION BECAUSE THE VEHICLE LOSES POWER ALL AT ONCE. THIS COULD CAUSE A SERIOUS ACCIDENT IN TRAFFIC. I HAVE SEEN MANY OTHER COMPLAINTS ON THIS SAME PROBLEM (AT LEAST 20 OTHER INCIDENTS). WILL IT TAKE SOMEONE BEING KILLED BEFORE SOMETHING IS DONE ABOUT THIS PROBLEM.*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.