



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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door) 1FAPP64R5NH144728	Vehicle Make FORD	Vehicle Model THUNDERBIRD	Vehicle Year 1992	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-SEP-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 3.8L	☐ 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 05150021 05230000	Part Name(s) ENGINE-GASKETS:VALVE COVER ENGINE COOLING SYSTEM:PUMP:WATER	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 15-DEC-2001	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 129500		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 35		

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 Damag 0	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

THE DAY AFTER HAVING THE WATER PUMP REPLACED AFTER A FAILURE, THE ENGINE TEMPERATURE RAISED TO THE MAXIMUM THAT THE GAUGE CAN DISPLAY (NO SPECIFIC TEMP, JUST C-NORMAL-H). TOOK CAR BACK TO THE GARAGE WHERE THE WATER PUMP WAS REPLACED AND THEY SAID THAT THE HEAD GASKETS HAD BLOWN AND REPAIR WOULD COST \$1100. FOR A SECOND OPINION I LIMPED IT TO A PERSON WHO "SPECIALIZES" IN SUPER COUPES AND HE CONFIRMED THE DIAGNOSIS. HE SAID HE HAD SEEN MANY TBIRD SC'S COME IN WITH THE SAME PROBLEM AND MILAGE DID NOT PLAY A PART IN THE DEFECT. HE REPORTED TO ME THAT THE MAIN MALFUNCTION WAS NOT ONLY A POOR QUALITY GASKET, BUT THAT THE HEADS WERE MACHINED TO TOO HIGH OF A TOLERANCE. THE HEADS WERE MA

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.