



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**

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) <small>(Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FTNW21F32EB13062	FORD TRUCK	F250	2002	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-2001	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 7.3L	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 02750010	Part Name(s) TIRES:SIDEWALL	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
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No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 09-MAR-2002	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) 9550		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 65		

**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 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)**

I HAVE EXPERIENCED WHAT APPEARS TO BE A SIDE WALL FAILURE OF A FIRESTONE LIGHT TRUCK TIRE. THE FAILURE OCCURRED SHORTLY AFTER ENTERING THE HIGHWAY AT A SPEED OF APPROXIMATELY 65 MPH. WHILE ACCELARATING DOWN THE ENTRANCE RAMP I NOTICED A VIBRATION COMING FROM THE REAR OF THE TRUCK WHICH STOPPED ONCE I MERGED ONTO THE HIGHWAY AT ABOUT 55 MPH. AT THAT TIME I THOUGHT THE VIBRATION WAS DUE TO ROUGH PAVEMENT ON THE ENTRANCE RAMP. A SHORT TIME LATER, POSSIBLY 3 OR 4 MILES, THE DRIVER SIDE REAR TIRE BLEW. THERE WAS A SLIGHT LOSS OF CONTROL AS THE REAR END OF THE TRUCK FELT AS IF IT WERE SLIDING FROM SIDE TO SIDE. THE TRUCK NOTICEABLY LEANED TO THE LEFT . THE EXTERIOR SIDEWALL (FACING THE OUTSIDE OF THE

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