



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 and/or above windshield)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
2MELM74W4VX663927	MERCURY	GRAND MARQUIS	1997	

Purchase Date 01-MAR-2097	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____	<input 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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input 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 type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" 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 _____
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**FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION**

Component 05150000	Part Name(s) ENGINE:OTHER PARTS	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) 02-MAY-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) 68000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 0		

**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 type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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**NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)**

I PURCHASED MY VEHICLE NEW IN 1997. THE HARMONIC BALANCER HAD TWO MAJOR CRACKS WHICH RESULTED IN DAMAGE TO THE CRANK SHAFT WHICH RESULTED IN THE VEHICLE REQUIRING A NEW ENGINE. THIS VEHICLE HAD ONLY 68000 MILES AND WAS NEVER INVOLVED IN AN ACCIDENT. AN INDEPENDENT MECHANIC WHO EXAMINED MY VEHICLE EXPLAINED HE HAD NEVER SEEN SOMETHING OF THIS NATURE IN ALL HIS YEARS OF REPAIRING VEHICLES. SINCE THIS VEHICLE HAS NEVER BEEN IN A ACCIDENT, ALL INDICATIONS ARE THAT THIS IS A SEVERE MANUFACTURING DEFECT. IF THIS ENGINE HAD EXPLODED, IT COULD HAVE CAUSED SEVERE INJURY TO THE DRIVER. AK

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.