



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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Date Received

30-MAY-2002

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Reference No.

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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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FDAF56F71EA48042	FORD TRUCK	F550	2001	

Purchase Date 01-NOV-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.3 L	☐ 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 02760002	Part Name(s) TIRES: VALVE STEM	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 25-MAR-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) _____		
	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)

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)

WE RECEIVED A RECALL NOTICE TO HAVE OUR LOCAL DEALER (TOWNE FORD) CHECK THE VALVE STEMS IN OUR 2001 F-550. ON JANUARY 23, 2002, THE CHECK WAS PERFORMED AND WE WERE TOLD NO REPLACEMENTS WERE NECESSARY. ON MARCH 25, 2002, ONE OF OUR THREE MAN CREWS WAS TRAVELING ON THE FREEWAY AT 60-65 MPH AND EXPERIENCED WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS A BLOWOUT OF THE RIGHT FRONT TIRE. THEY WERE ABLE TO PULL SAFELY TO THE SIDE AND CALL A LOCAL TIRE SERVICE COMPANY TO HAVE THE TIRE SERVICED. WHEN THE TECHNICIAN ARRIVED, HE WENT STRAIGHT TO THE VALVE STEM AND SAID "HERE'S YOUR PROBLEM, WE SEE THIS ALL THE TIME WITH THESE BIG FORDS". WHEN THE CREW ARRIVED THAT EVENING TO REPORT THE INCIDENT, I WAS ON THE PHONE RIG

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.