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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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Reference No. **762925**

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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.) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Readin
	FORD	TAURUS	1998	

Purchase Dat: **01-JAN-2000** ☐ New ☒ Used

Dealer's Name _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Engine Size (CID/CC/L 3.0L
No Cylinders _____

☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injectio

Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Contro	Drive Trai	Vehicle Type	Body Style
☐ Manual ☒ Automatic	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Bel	☒ Yes ☐ No	☒ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other ____ ☐ Sport Ult ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☒ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☐ Other ____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component	Part Name(s	Location	Failed Part(s
07300000 12420000	POWER TRAIN:TRANSMISSION:AUTOMATIC INTERIOR SYSTEMS:INSTRUMENT PANEL:GAUGE:INDICATOR	☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	☐ Original ☐ Replacement

No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s)	Failed Part(s)	NHTSA Previously
1	25-APR-2002 Mileage at Failure(s 49500 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)	☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☐ No

APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash	Fire	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalitie	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Polic
☐ Yes ☐ No	☐ Yes ☒ No				☐ Yes ☒ No

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

TRANSMISSION WAS NOT SHIFTING SMOOTHLY, ENGINE CHECK LIGHT CAME ON, FORD DEALERSHIP DETERMINED IT WAS LOW TRANSMISSION PRESSURE ERROR CODE. THEY REMOVED THE TRANSMISSION, FOUND IT HAD FAILED AND REPLACED IT. THE EXTENDED WARRANTY COVERED MOST, NOT ALL, OF THE COST, BUT A TRANSMISSION SHOULD NOT SHELL OUT AFTER ONLY 49,000 MILES ON A WELL-MAINTAINED CAR. I DON'T THINK THE FORD ENGINEERS HAVE A GOOD MATCHUP OF COMPUTER AND TRANSMISSION HERE, IT SEEMS TO SEARCH FOR GEARS TOO OFTEN AND HESITATE DURING DOWNSHIFTS. I ESPECIALLY HATE THE WAY THE COMPUTER KICKS UP THE IDLE TO SIMULATE A FREE-WHEEL SPRAG THAT BETTER AUTOMATICS USE. THIS CAUSES THE CAR TO COAST UP TO DANGEROUS S

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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 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.