



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) (Locate at bottom of windshield and door frame)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
N/A	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	2002	

Purchase Date 01-APR-2002	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 4.6L	☐ 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 07460000	Part Name(s) POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 11-JUN-2002	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 4500		
	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

WHILE TRAVELING 55 - 65 MPH A HIGH PITCHED WHINNING NOISE WOULD DEVELOP IN THE REAR PORTION OF THE VEHICLE. THE NOISE WOULD SUBSIDE AS THE PEDAL WAS RELEASED. HOWEVER THE NOISE WOULD INCREASE AS THE GAS PEDAL WAS SLIGHTLY PRESSED TO ADVANCE SPEED. TOOK TO DEALER ON 6/11/02. MECHANIC CLAIMS TO KNOW WHAT IS CAUSING NOISE. TRUCK IS SITTING UP ON RACK APART AND THE TOOL TO REMOVE AXLES IS ON NATIONAL BACKORDER. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE LOANER VEHICLE I AM CURRENTLY USING HAS THE SAME SOUND, BUT IS NOT AS SEVERE AT THE MOMENT. I FEEL THIS MAY BE A DESIGN PROBLEM THAT MAY NOT BE FIXED AS EASILY AS HOPED.*AK

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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.