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SUBMISSION DATE: Saturday, December 25th 1998 at 11:43:38 PM

VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE
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OWNER INFORMATION

NAME
ADDRESS
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TELEPHONE

NHTSA authorized to send a copy of this report to the manufacturer: Yes

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: 1MEPM38SXXK641950
MAKE: Mercury
MODEL: Topaz
YEAR: 1989

ODOMETER: 90,000
PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED: Used

DEALER NAME: Tower Ford
ADDRESS: Great Neck, NY 11021

ENGINE SIZE:
CYLINDERS: 4

FUEL INJECTION: Yes
TURBO: No
FUEL TYPE: Gas
ANTILOCK BRAKES: Yes
CRUISE CONTROL: Yes
DRIVETRAIN: Front

DRIVER AIRBAG: No
PASSENGER AIRBAG: No
3-POINT BELT: No
MOTOR BELT: Yes
2-POINT BELT: No
BODY STYLE: 4-Door

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: Car Temperature light came on
Car Caught fire total loss

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES:

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 8/3/99

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): approximately 80,000

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 50

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT:
FIRE: Yes

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED: 0

NUMBER OF FATALITIES: 0

ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$Car Total Loss+\$2000 contents

DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: N/A
PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED: N/A

REPORTED TO POLICE: Yes

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

DOT NUMBER: DOT
TIRE MANUFACTURER:
TIRE NAME:
TIRE SIZE:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The car overheated 1 time. Coolant was added and overheating resolved. After driving again temp light went on during driving and car burst in to flames a quickly engulfing hood and driver's compartment both passengers immediately fled without any belongings. Within seconds entire car on fire. Police and Fire responded car was total loss + contents. Occupants keys were melted in vehicle.

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