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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE
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OWNER INFORMATION

NAME
ADDRESS
TELEPHONE

NHTSA authorized to send a copy of this report to the manufacturer: No

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN:
MAKE: Ford
MODEL: Thunderbird
YEAR: 1992

ODOMETER: 108000
PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED: Used

DEALER NAME:
ADDRESS: .

ENGINE SIZE: 3.8L
CYLINDERS: 6

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

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: Gas pedal stuck to floor

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES: 3

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 1999

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S):

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 65

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: Yes

NHTSA CONTACTED: Yes

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT:

FIRE:

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED:

NUMBER OF FATALITIES:

ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$

DRIVER AIRBAG DEPLOYED:

PASSENGER AIRBAG DEPLOYED:

REPORTED TO POLICE:

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

DOT NUMBER: DOT

TIRE MANUFACTURER:

TIRE NAME:

TIRE SIZE:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

NOTIFIED FORD AND THEY SAID THEY DID NOT HAVE A RECALL.
NOTIFIED NHTSA - INFORMATION WAS TAKEN, I WAS CALLED BACK FOR THE OTHER
CARS VIN # YOU NEEDED ANOTHER. I LOST THE PHONE NUMBER/PERSON TO CONTACT.

MY PROBLEM - MY TWO SONS HAVE 1992 THUNDERBIRDS (3.8L AND 3.8L SUPERCOP) BOTH EXPERIENCED THE GAS PEDAL STICKING TO FLOOR SEVERAL TIMES. I DIDN'T GET ANYWHERE WITH FORD. NHTSA REP STATED SHE NEEDED ANOTHER VIN.

I FOUND - BOTH CARS HAVE DIFFERENT FUEL SYSTEMS. ONE WAS SUPERCHARGED BUT THEY BOTH HAD STICKING GAS PEDALS.

THE LAST TIME IT STUCK IT DID NOT RELEASE WITH FOOT PULLING.

I FOUND THE TRANSMISSION CABLE END BROKEN OFF THE THROTTLE BODY BROKEN OFF. AT THE TRANSMISSION SHOP I FOUND THIS WAS A COMMON OCCURANCE SINCE IT WAS PLASTIC. THEY HAD AN AFTERMARKET METAL BUSHING TO REPAIR IT. IF I ORDERED A NEW ONE FROM FORD IT WOULD BE THE ORIGINAL PLASTIC TYPE.

I FEEL CONFIDENT THAT THE STICKING GAS PEDAL WAS A RESULT OF THE PLASTIC BUSHING AT THE END OF THE TRANSMISSION CABLE AND NOT THE THROTTLE CABLE.

END OF FORM
