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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

OWNER INFORMATION

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY
TELEPHONE

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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: 1FTJW35F3TEA76708
MAKE: Ford Truck
MODEL: F35
YEAR: 1996

ODOMETER: 47407
PURCHASE DATE: NEW OR USED:

DEALER NAME: Ray Viles Ford
ADDRESS: Clinton, TN 37716

ENGINE SIZE: 7.3L
CYLINDERS: 8

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

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: Tires

PART NAME(S): Firestone Steeltex R4S

LOCATION: Left

NUMBER OF FAILURES:

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: Has not failed yet but started whomp-whomp-whomp about 2 years ago

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): approximately 20,000

SPEED AT FAILURE(S):

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: Yes

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

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: DOTVNOP

TIRE MANUFACTURER: Firestone

TIRE NAME: Steeltex R4S

TIRE SIZE: LT21585R16

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Gentlemen:

This is more of a question before tire failure. I contacted Ford and get the canned reply regarding to tires that are being recalled which mine is not included at this time.

I am getting a whomp-whomp-whomp from the left front tire. The vehicle is a Ford F-350 dually diesel four door. I pull a 10,000 pound travel trailer and my question is it safe at interstate speeds? Ford indicates that is safe. A tire failure at interstate speeds would be a disaster with a 10,000 pound vehicle pushing the truck. Should the tires be changed before or after a failure?

NHTSA is doing a fine job on tire safety, thank you.



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