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Subject: Car Talk VOQ submission

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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: Yes

VEHICLE INFORMATION

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VIN:
MAKE: FORD
MODEL: CREW CAB 360
YEAR: 1989

ODOMETER:
PURCHASE DATE: 9/dd/01
NEW OR USED:

DEALER NAME: PRIVATE OWNER
ADDRESS: ,

ENGINE SIZE: 360
CYLINDERS: 8

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

DRIVETRAIN: 4 Wheel
 DRIVER AIRBAG: No
 PASSENGER AIRBAG: No
 3-POINT BELT: Yes
 MOTOR BELT: No
 2-POINT BELT: No
 BODY STYLE: Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: MY INTAKE MANIFOLD GETS SO HOT
 IT MELTS FUEL LINE AND IGNIGHTS
 FUEL BURNING ENGINE COMPARTMENT

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES: OVER TEN

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: EVERY TIME I DRIVE UP HILL UNDER LOAD

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S):

SPEED AT FAILURE(S):

MANUFATURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT: No
 FIRE: Yes

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED: NONE
 NUMBER OF FATALITIES: NONE
 ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$1,500.00

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 PROBLEM IS THE CHOCK PLATE IN INTAKE MANIFOLD GETS HOT ENOUGH TO MELT FUEL LINE SPRAY FUEL THROUGHOUT ENGINE COMPARTMENT AND IGNITE SAME, ALOT OF PEOPLE THINK ITS THE CARB RUNNING TO LEAN BACKFIRING THEN IGNITING. OTHERS THINK FUEL LINE OLD. ON MINE ITS INTAKE MANIFOLD GETTING HOT ENOUGH TO MELT FUEL LINE AND IGNITE FUEL. I HAVE TAKEN OFF INTAKE MANAFOLD ITS CLEAN NOT PLUGED. I SEE ALOT OF TRUCKS LIKE MINE WITH BURNT HOODS

END OF FORM



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123
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) (Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side)		Vehicle Make FORD TRUCK	Vehicle Model F350	Vehicle Year 1989	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date ☐ New ☒ Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L 8 CYL) No Cylinders _____	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection	
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 06212100	Part Name(s) FUEL:CARBURETOR:UNKNOWN TYPE:CHOKE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 10	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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 ☐ 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)

CONSUMER STATES THE CHOKE PLATE IN THE INTAKE MANIFOLD GETS SO HOT, IT MELTS THE FUEL LINE AND IGNITES FUEL, BURNING THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT.

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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.