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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

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OWNER INFORMATION

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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN: 1FTEF25GXFPA03929
MAKE: Ford
MODEL: F250
YEAR: 1985

ODOMETER: 113,400
PURCHASE DATE: 01/dd/91
NEW OR USED:

DEALER NAME:
ADDRESS: ,

ENGINE SIZE: 351
CYLINDERS: 08

FUEL INJECTION: No
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: No
2-POINT BELT: Yes
BODY STYLE: Pickup Truck

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: Ignition Module

PART NAME(S): Thick Film Ignition (TFI)

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES: 8

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: July 1997, November 1997, July 1998, November 1998, July 1999, November 1999, July 2000, January 2001

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): unknown

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): highway speeds and mountain pass elevations, as well as city 45mph

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED: No

NHTSA CONTACTED:

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

When utilized hauling a camper, had numerous engine "shut-offs" at various driving speeds, causing loss of power steering and power brakes in traffic lanes, both rural and urban locations, including mountain roads and freeway lanes.

Recent ruling by Judge Michael Ballachey might allow Ford to exclude this vehicle because of a 100,000 mile limitation on liability, which should not be allowed because a manufacturers defect, Fords' coverup, and the length of time this has been stalled in pending litigation should require manufacturer to correct this design defect rather than allow an already dangerous condition to continue. The vehicle owner should not have to fund this travesty of responsibility just to get a vehicle with no driving surprises!

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 door) 1FTEF25GXFP03929	Vehicle Make FORD TRUCK	Vehicle Model F250	Vehicle Year 1985	Current Odometer Reading
Purchase Date 01-JAN-1991	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L 8 CYL)	☐ 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 08540000	Part Name(s) ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:IGNITION:ELECTRONIC CONTROL UNIT	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 8	Date(s) of Failure(s) 01-JUL-1997 Mileage at Failure(s) 45	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)

THE HAULING CAMPER HAD NUMEROUS ENGINE SHUT OFFS AT VARIOUS SPEEDS DUE TO IGNITION MODULE FAILURE. THIS FAILURE CAUSED LOSS OF POWER STEERING AND BRAKES. THE CONSUMER STATES THAT THE MANUFACTURER SHOULD CORRECT THIS DESIGN DEFECT. *YH

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