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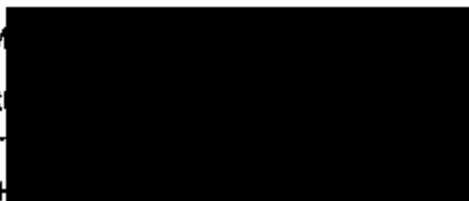
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VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

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OWNER INFORMATION

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY
STATE
ZIP
TELEPHONE



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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN:
MAKE: Ford
MODEL: Focus
YEAR: 2001

ODOMETER: 12200
PURCHASE DATE: 10/21/00
NEW OR USED: New

DEALER NAME: Peyton Cramer Ford - Torrance California
ADDRESS: Torrance, CA

ENGINE SIZE:
CYLINDERS: 4

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

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: Driver's side wheel arm.

PART NAME(S): Recalled 11/27/01 for corrosion
of bolt holding tire to drive
train.

LOCATION: Left Front

NUMBER OF FAILURES: One complete near fatal
failure.

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: November 10, 2001

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 12200

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): 55 (freeway)

MANUFATURER CONTACTED: Yes

NHTSA CONTACTED: No

APPLICABLE ACCIDENT INFORMATION

ACCIDENT: No
FIRE: No

NUMBER OF PERSONS INJURED: Miracously None
NUMBER OF FATALITIES: None
ESTIMATED PROPERTY DAMAGE: \$Totalled

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

REPORTED TO POLICE: No

INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

DOT NUMBER: DOT
TIRE MANUFACTURER:
TIRE NAME:

TIRE SIZE:

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

The driver's side tire, when it was abruptly disconnected from the drivetrain was fully inflated with the CVboot, shock and brake intact. The tire flew across the freeway while driving at freeway speed. The vehicle coasted to a stop and no one was hurt (thank God) by the flying tire or collision with the bumper/chassey sking vehicle (Ford Focus SE 2001). There were no brakes available to stop the vehicle, therefore as the car came to a sliding the CHP's retrieved the parts, called for a tow truck and I made it out alive to tell the story. The dealership has accused me of hitting something. Then just this morning I learned of the recall for the same incident happening to other drivers.

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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27-NOV-2001

Od_or _____
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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) (Locate at bottom of windshield and door hinge)	Vehicle Make FORD	Vehicle Model FOCUS	Vehicle Year 2001	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 21-OCT-2000	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L 4 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 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-NOV-2001	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ Yes ☐ No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 12200		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 55		

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)

WHILE DRIVING AT FREEWAY SPEED THE DRIVERS SIDE TIRE FLEW ACROSS THE FREEWAY. *YH

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