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**To:** Alberto <NHTSA> Jimenez  
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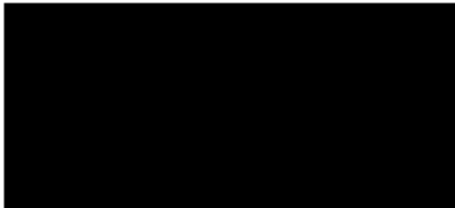
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### VEHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE

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#### OWNER INFORMATION

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

#### VEHICLE INFORMATION

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VIN: 1FTEF14N6SLB03313  
MAKE: FORD  
MODEL: F150  
YEAR: 95

ODOMETER: 60,000  
PURCHASE DATE: 06/17/95  
NEW OR USED: New

DEALER NAME: Wickstrom Ford  
ADDRESS: Barrington , IL 60010

ENGINE SIZE: 5 liter  
CYLINDERS: 8

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

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: OIL PAN RUSTED THROUGH.

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES:

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: 09/15/2001

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S): 54,000

SPEED AT FAILURE(S): N/A

MANUFATURER 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: DOT

TIRE MANUFACTURER:

TIRE NAME:

TIRE SIZE:



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### OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

DAVID BRANNIN 751416  
28578 EDGEWOOD  
CARY IL 60013

Work Number

Home Number 847-394-5700

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) <small>(Locate at bottom of and/or above driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FTEF14N6SLB03313	FORD TRUCK	F150	1995	

Purchase Date 17-AUG-1995	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L 8 CYL	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	No Cylinders _____	

Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 08110000	Part Name(s) FUEL:FUEL TANK ASSEMBLY	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No. of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 15-SEP-2001	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Mileage at Failure(s) 50000		
	Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)		

### APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies) on the back of this form)

Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Fatalities 0	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

CONSUMER STATES REAR GAS TANK IS RUSTED THROUGH BEHIND THE SUPPORT STRAPS, DEALER AND MANUFACTURER CONTACTED. \*TT

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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**ADDITIONAL COMMENTS**  
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Ford Motor Co responded to my situation, but could only offer their condolences. The dealer "politely declined" to even quote the necessary repairs. The rear gas tank also rusted through @ 50K miles behind the support straps.

I know this isn't really such a big deal, but I've never seen anything like this on another domestic or foreign vehicle. It seems the metal gauge and coatings that Ford employes are of the barest minimum possible standards.

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**END OF FORM**  
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