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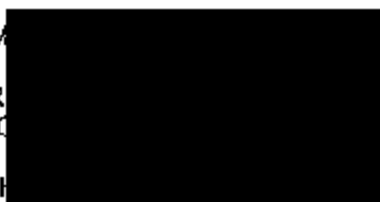
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VECHICLE OWNER'S QUESTIONNAIRE
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OWNER INFORMATION

NAME
ADDRESS
CITY
TELEPHONE



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

VEHICLE INFORMATION

VIN:
MAKE: Ford
MODEL: Expedition
YEAR: 2001

ODOMETER: 20000
PURCHASE DATE: 05/dd/01
NEW OR USED: New

DEALER NAME: Appel Ford
ADDRESS: Brenham , Tx

ENGINE SIZE:
CYLINDERS: 8

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

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

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

COMPONENT: no failed component just a
design consideration
(improvement) for safety
purposes.

PART NAME(S):

LOCATION:

NUMBER OF FAILURES:

DATE(S) OF FAILURES: no failure date

MILEAGE AT FAILURE(S):

SPEED AT FAILURE(S):

MANUFACTURER CONTACTED:

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

In the FORD Eddie Bauer Edition Expedition, there is a pedal control button on the dash board right where the left knee comes into contact with the dashboard. As a result, inadvertant pressure from the knee can cause unintentional acceleration or deceleration depending on how the button is pushed. For example, I once pushed the button inadvertently while my right foot on the gas stayed steady and the pedals moved closer to me causing my speed to increase by accident. The pedals can also move away during braking causing the car to increase or decrease braking power without the direct intent of the driver.

I would recommend that these pedal adjustment switch be relocated to another spot on the dash where the left knee can not inadvertently affect the control, but can only be affected by a direct deliberate action.

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)	Vehicle Make FORD TRUCK	Vehicle Model EXPEDITION	Vehicle Year 2001	Current Odometer Reading
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Purchase Date 01-MAY-2001	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 15000000	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) 20000 Vehicle Speed 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 THAT THERE IS A PEDAL CONTROL BUTTON ON THE DASHBOARD RIGHT WHERE THE LEFT KNEE COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THE DASHBOARD. AS A RESULT, INADVERTENT PRESSURE FROM THE KNEE CAN CAUSE UNINTENTIONAL ACCELERATION OR DECELERATION DEPENDING ON HOW THE BUTTON IS PUSHED. CONSUMER RECOMMENDS THAT THESE PEDAL ADJUSTMENT SWITCH BE RELOCATED TO ANOTHER SPOT ON THE DASH WHERE THE LEFT KNEE CANNOT INADVERTENTLY AFFECT THE CONTROL. *YD

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