



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

Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393
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INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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8003432

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 or driver's side)		Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMCU24X6MUD49517		FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1991	
Purchase Date	Dealer's Name _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L _____)	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ Fuel Injection	
☐ New ☒ Used	City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		No Cylinders _____		
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type
☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ 3-Point Belt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag	☒ Yes ☐ No	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other
		☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Bel		☐ Sport Utl ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 15700100	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT:CARRIER:SPARE TIRE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failure	Dates of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) 73000 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)

WHEN DOING ROUTINE CHECK UP ON VEHICLE NOTICED THAT CABLE WIRE WHICH HELD SPARE TIRE TO BACK OF VEHICLE CORRODED, FORCING TIRE TO COME OFF. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. *AK

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.

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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO.*

D O T

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

SIZE

* The identification number consists of 7 to 10 letters and numerals following the letters DOT. It is usually located near the rim flange on the side opposite the whitewall or on either side of a blackwall tire.

NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION (CONTINUED)

THAT THE SPARE TIRE FELL AWAY. TO MY DISBELIEF I CHECKED UNDER THE FRAME AND "INDEED" THE RETAINER CABLE HAD SNAPPED, DUE TO CORROSION, AND CAUSED THE LOSS OF MY SPARE.

THIS IS OBVIOUSLY A DESIGN FLAW! I HAVE NEVER USED MY SPARE OR ABUSED THE SYSTEM IN ANY WAY. THE CABLE JUST SNAPPED. NOT ONLY IS THE DESIGN FLAWED, BUT THE SYSTEM IS A SAFETY HAZARD! THE SPARE TIRE MUST HAVE FELL TO THE ROAD WHILE I WAS DRIVING AND COULD (MAY) HAVE CAUSED AN ACCIDENT. TO ME THE SITUATION IS LIKE A WHEEL FALLING OFF THE AXLE WHILE DRIVING.

I DEMANDED THAT MY SPARE TIRE AND RETAINER SYSTEM BE REPAIRED BY FORD. MY REFERENCE NUMBER FOR MY CORRESPONDENCE WITH FORD IS/LWAS #217170. OF COURSE FORD REJECTED MY CLAIM.

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