



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>

### FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 798

Date Received

15-APR-2002

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Reference No.

8007553

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

|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |                                                             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                                                                        |                                                                                                            |
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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN)<br><small>(Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)</small>                                                                                                                                            | Vehicle Make                                                | Vehicle Model                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Vehicle Year                                                           | Current Odometer Reading                                                                                   |
| N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | FORD TRUCK                                                  | EXPEDITION                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 1997                                                                   |                                                                                                            |
| Purchase Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Dealer's Name _____                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L _____)                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo                                                                             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                                                                                                           | City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | No Cylinders _____                                                     | <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
| Transmission Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Antilock Brakes                                             | Restraint System                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cruise Control                                                         | Drive Train                                                                                                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic                                                                                                                                                                           | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input type="checkbox"/> No | <input type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel        |
| Vehicle Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                             | Body Style                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                        |                                                                                                            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |                                                             | <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other _____                 |                                                                        |                                                                                                            |

### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

|                       |                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Component<br>01560000 | Part Name(s)<br>STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD:END                                                       | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
| No of Failure         | Dates of Failure(s) 01-FEB-2002<br>Mileage at Failure(s) 85704<br>Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____ | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damage | Reported to Police<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------|

### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

LEFT AND RIGHT TIE RODS BROKE OFF WHILE CONSUMER WAS DRIVING, AND CONSUMER COULD NOT CONTROL THE VEHICLE. CONTACTED DEALER, AND THE DEALER FIXED THE PROBLEM.\*AK

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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.

| DOT Auto Safety Hotline                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 798                                                                                                                                       |  |
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|  U.S. Department of Transportation<br>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | <b>Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)</b><br>NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT<br>1-888-327-4236<br>www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline                                                               |  | Date Received: <u>15-APR-2002</u><br>OFFICE DEFECTS INVESTIGATION<br>Od_or _____<br>rt_dt _____<br>od_rt _____<br>up_ltr _____                                |  |
| OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Reference No.                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| [Redacted] 748169<br><b>JACKSON WI</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | 8007553                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?<br>In the absence of an authorized signature, provide your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO<br>Date <u>4/22/02</u>                                                                    |  |
| Signature of Owner: [Redacted]                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| VEHICLE INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | Vehicle Make                                                                                                                                                                           |  | Vehicle Year                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| N/A 1FMFU18L7VLA06                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | 656 FORD TRUCK                                                                                                                                                                         |  | 1997                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| Vehicle Mode                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  | Current Odometer Reading                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| EXPEDITION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  | 85,790                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Purchase Date                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | Dealer's Name                                                                                                                                                                          |  | Engine Size (CID/CC/L)                                                                                                                                        |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | JOHN P. LOCHEN FORD                                                                                                                                                                    |  | 5.4L                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | City <u>NEWBURG</u> State <u>WI</u> Zip Code <u>53060</u>                                                                                                                              |  | No Cylinders <u>8</u>                                                                                                                                         |  |
| Transmission Type                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | Antilock Brakes                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Turbo Diesel Gas Fuel Injection                                                                                                                               |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                    |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection                |  |
| Restraint System                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  | Cruise Control                                                                                                                                                                         |  | Drive Train                                                                                                                                                   |  |
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| FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| Component 01560000                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | Part Name(s)                                                                                                                                                                           |  | Location                                                                                                                                                      |  |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | STEERING:LINKAGES:TIE ROD:END L & R                                                                                                                                                    |  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Left <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear |  |
| Failed Part(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | NHTSA Previously                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| No of Failures                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Date(s) of Failure(s)                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Mileage at Failure(s)                                                                                                                                         |  |
| 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | 15 APR 02 FEB 2002 RIGHT LEFT 8-JUNE 2001                                                                                                                                              |  | 85704 74,626                                                                                                                                                  |  |
| Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | 2 MPH - REVERSE                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
| APPLICATION INCIDENT INFORMATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| Crash                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  | Fire                                                                                                                                                                                   |  | Number of Persons Injured                                                                                                                                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                                                    |  | —                                                                                                                                                             |  |
| Number of Fatalities                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  | Estimated Property Damage                                                                                                                                                              |  | Reported to Police                                                                                                                                            |  |
| —                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | —                                                                                                                                                                                      |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No                                                                                           |  |
| NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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| CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |                                                                                                                                                               |  |
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Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

THIS IS A SERIOUS PART FAILURE / DEFECT THAT COULD  
HAVE THREATENED THE LIVES + SAFETY OF MY FAMILY  
THE \$700.00 COST IS SECONDARY. RETALL THESE VEHICLES!!

THANK U

P.S. A COMPLAINT WAS FILED TO YOU APRIL 1998

REF: PE 98024 ... DETAILS ARE UNKNOWN TO ME.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

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**QUESTIONNAIRE**

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