

U.S. Department
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Traffic Safety
Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

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17-MAY-2000

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Reference No.

862024

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.) (located at front of windshield or driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU34X1NUD98720	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1992	

Purchase Date	Dealer's Name _____	Engine Size (CID/CCL) _____	☐ 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 ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☒ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other	Body Style ☐ Sport Vlt ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 15700100	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT: CARRIER: SPARE TIRE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No. of Failures	Dates of Failure(s) 14-MAY-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 120000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) Available? Yes No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? Yes No
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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 Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

EA00012, SPARE TIRE CABLE; SPARE TIRE CABLE RUSTED THROUGH, CAUSING THE SPARE TIRE TO FALL OFF. OWNER DID NOT KNOW WHEN THE TIRE FELL OFF. MANUFACTURER HAS BEEN NOTIFIED ABOUT THE PROBLEM. PLEASE PROVIDE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION. *AK

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Component 15700100	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT:CARRIER:SPARE TIRE	Location ☐ Left ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

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Work Number

Home Number

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Date 6/4/00

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Purchase Date 9/6/92	Dealer's Name Mullinix Ford East		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 40L	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☒ New ☐ Used	City/Westville State OH Zip Code 44092		No Cylinders 6	
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No of Failures 1	Date(s) of Failure(s) 14-MAY-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 120000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) ?	Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? ☐ Yes ☒ No

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Fold to show Return Address (no stamp needed) Fasten with tape or staple and mail

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)

I filled out a web page that ~~described~~ described the failure for the manufacturer. I received a call from Ford two days later after sending the web page information. They indicated that there had not been enough calls about this specific problem to warrant a recall. They said the information would be sent off to their engineering department. I said that someone could have been injured if they were behind us when the tire fell off. They did not seem that concerned. Statistically, they probably figure that it would cost them less to settle an accident ^{suit} where someone was killed instead of a recall to fix this engineering flaw - It's all about money - who cares if someone is injured or killed - too expensive!

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