

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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Reference No.

866712

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 vehicle or on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FMDU34X5TVA12140	FORD TRUCK	EXPLORER	1996	

Purchase Date	Dealer's Name	Engine Size (CID/CCL)	☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection
☐ New ☒ Used	City	State	Zip Code

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 ☐ Sport Vlt ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02740000	Part Name(s) TIRES: TREAD	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No. of Failures	Dates of Failure(s) Mileage at Failure(s) 53 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 75	Failed Part(s) Available? Yes No	NHTSA Previously Contacted? 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 3	Number of Fatalities 2	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☒ Yes ☐ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

ON JULY 2, 2000 THIS VEHICLE EQUIPPED WITH THE FIRESTONE WILDERNESS TIRES WAS ON THE INTERSTATE TRAVELING AT 75 MPH. AND SUFFERED A REAR PASSENGER'S SIDE BLOWOUT, TAKING LIVES OF TWO OF THE OCCUPANTS, AND INJURING 3 OCCUPANTS. *AK

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

624659

Work Number

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Date 10/2/00

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Vehicle Make FORD TRUCK
Vehicle Model EXPLORER
Vehicle Year 1996
Current Odometer Reading 53,000

Purchase Date

9/24/95

Dealer's Name

Lou Grubb Ford

Engine Size

(CID/CC/L) 4.0 Ltr

☐ Turbo☐ Diesel☒ Gas☒ Fuel Injection☒ New ☒ Used

City

Scottsdale

State

AZ

Zip Code

85260

No Cylinders

6

Transmission Type

☐ Manual☒ Automatic

Antilock Brakes

☒ Yes☐ No

Restraint System

☒ 3-Point Belt☐ Motorbelt☐ Driverside Airbag☐ 2-Point Belt☐ Passengerside Airbag

Cruise Control

☒ Yes☐ No

Drive Train

☐ Front☐ Rear☒ 4-Wheel

Vehicle Type

☐ Car☐ Van☐ Minivan☐ Other☒ Sport Utl☐ Truck☐ Motorcycle

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Three Firestone ATX tires and one

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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO. *

DOT VDA LI PY 352

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

Firestone Wilderness AT

SIZE P235/75R15

* 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)

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