

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****www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline****FOR AGENCY USE ONLY****255**

Date Received

04-AUG-2000

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Reference No.

866835

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 FORD TRUCK	Vehicle Model EXPLORER	Vehicle Year 1992	Current Odometer Reading
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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 ☐ 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 ☐ Station wagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other
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FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component 02700000	Part Name(s) TIRES	Location ☐ Left ☐ Front ☐ Right ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
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No. of Failures	Dates of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) _____ 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)**REAR LEFT FIRESTONE ATX TIRE EXPLODED WHILE DRIVING AT 65 MPH, CAUSING A ROLLOVER ACCIDENT. FIRESTONE HAS BEEN CONTACTED. *AK**

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OFFICE
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Reference No.

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Work Number

Home Number

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

624911

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In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer.☒ YES☐ NO

Signature of Owner

Date 8/24/00

VEHICLE INFORMATION

Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)

1FMDV32X1NVD1X40

Vehicle Make

FORD TRUCK

Vehicle Model

EXPLORER

Vehicle Year

1992

Current Odometer Reading

Purchase Date

1/96

Dealer's Name

City State Zip Code

Engine Size
(CID/CC/L)

6

☐ Turbo
☐ Diesel
☒ Gas

No Cylinders

☒ Fuel Injection

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 Utility Vehicle☐ Truck☐ Motorcycle

Body Style

☐ 2-Door☒ 4-Door☐ Stationwagon☐ Pick Up Truck☐ Other

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component

02700000

Part Name(s)

TIRES

Firestone ATX

Location

☒ Left☐ Front☐ Right☒ Rear

Failed Part(s)

☐ Original☒ Replacement

No of Failures

1

Date(s) of Failure(s)

July 3, 2000

Mileage at Failure(s)

8,000

Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)

70 MPH

Failed Part(s)

Available?

☒ Yes☐ No

NHTSA Previously

Contacted?

☐ Yes☒ No

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Crash

☒ Yes☐ No

Fire

☐ Yes☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

1

Number of Fatalities

0

Estimated Property Damage

5800

Reported to Police

☒ Yes☐ No

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

REAR LEFT FIRESTONE ATX TIRE EXPLODED WHILE DRIVING AT 70 MPH, CAUSING A ROLLOVER ACCIDENT. FIRESTONE HAS BEEN CONTACTED. *AK

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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO.*

DOT VDH L1 PM 136

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

Firestone ATX

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)

(These #s were also on tire) → SR897J B02R

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August 17, 2000

BFTS

1515 Elm Hill Pike #405

Nashville, TN 37210-3615

Att: Claims Processing

To whom it may concern:

The following is the accident description requested on the incident report:

On July third, 2000, at approximately 4:00 p.m. my son was driving north on Highway 49, which is a four-lane highway, to Jackson, Mississippi in my white 4-door Ford Explorer. He was traveling at 70 mph in the left north bound lane with the cruise control engaged. As he was passing close to Star, Mississippi, he heard a "ticking" noise over his left shoulder (he had all four windows down) which rapidly increased in volume. He immediately touched the brakes to disengage the cruise control so that he could slow down. The noise level increased quickly and then he heard a loud "boom". He glanced in his rearview mirror, saw pieces of tire tumbling down the highway and felt the tire rim hit the concrete highway. When the rim hit the concrete it caused the Explorer to slide from the left north bound lane to the right north bound lane. It spun around and was then facing the oncoming traffic, sliding backwards. It slid to the right shoulder of the road and the back left rim dug into the dirt as it left the road. The vehicle then rolled over from the rear left corner to the front right corner and landed right side up in a small ditch against an embankment. My son was very shaken up and his knees and left shoulder were sore, but he was able to climb out of the vehicle. Witnesses who had been behind him on the highway told the state trooper at the scene of the accident that the left rear tire came apart and went flat. No other vehicle was involved in the accident. The Explorer was transported to T & T Auto Salvage & Towing on Highway 49 near Mendenhall, Mississippi. It was later transported to Hwy 49 Auto Salvage in Hattiesburg, Mississippi.

NHTSA,
BFTS requested this information about
the accident. This is a copy for your
report.

J. H. Brown

8/24/00