

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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22-SEP-2000

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Reference No.

871233

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
	FIRESTONE	STEEL TEX	1900	

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 ☐ Driver's Side Airbag ☐ Passenger's Side Airbag ☐ Motorized ☐ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☒ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other ☐ Sport Utl ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle	Body Style ☐ 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
No. of Failures	Dates of Failure(s) _____ Mileage at Failure(s) 2 _____ Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	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	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damage	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT ON A 2000 EXCURSION. THE TREAD ON THE RIGHT REAR SEPARATED AT 60MPH FROM THE SIDE WALL.

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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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Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of an authorized signature, please address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: 5 October 2000		YES ☒ NO ☐			
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) 1FMSU43F6XED63078		Vehicle Make: FIRESTONE		Vehicle Model: STEEL TEX	
Vehicle Year: 2000		Current Odometer Reading: 2508			
Purchase Date: May 2000 ☒ New ☐ Used		Dealer's Name: Basil Ford City: Buffalo State: NY Zip Code: [REDACTED]		Engine Size (CID/COD): 3.4L No Cylinders: 8 ☒ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☐ Gas ☐ 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 ☒ Sport ☐ Van ☐ Truck ☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle ☐ Other	
Body Style: ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other					
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Component: 02740000		Part Name(s): TIRES-TREAD		Location: ☐ Left ☒ Right ☐ Front ☒ Rear	
Failed Part(s): ☒ Original ☐ Replacement					
No of Failures: 1		Date(s) of Failure(s): 25 August 2000 Mileage at Failure(s): 2508 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s): 60-65		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: 0	
Number of Fatalities: 0		Estimated Property Damage: \$180		Reported to Police: ☐ Yes ☒ No	
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)					
ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT ON A 2000, FORD, EXCURSION. TREAD ON THE RIGHT REAR TIRE SEPARATED AT 60MPH FROM THE SIDEWALL. AK This was a sudden event that occurred without warning. The tire exploded. Thank God it was a rear tire - Had this occurred with a front tire, I would probably be dead! I have been driving 50 years, but I have NEVER SEEN a tire blow apart like this. These tires are a safety hazard and should be banned.					
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I can E-Mail you photos of the tire, if you wish. My e-mail address is RDOBELBOWER@MCO.EDU

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.*

DOT VNW81X0 160

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

FIRESTONE STEELTEX

SIZE 16"

* 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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