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DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4236

www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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27-OCT-2000

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Reference No.

874069

 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 on drivers side)	Vehicle Make FIRESTONE	Vehicle Model STEEL TEX	Vehicle Year 1900	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 ☐ Motorbell ☒ 2-Point Belt	Cruise Control ☐ Yes ☒ No	Drive Train ☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type ☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other _____ ☐ Sport Ult ☐ 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 ☐ Right ☐ Front ☐ Rear	Failed Part(s) ☐ Original ☐ Replacement
No of Failures 0	Date(s) of Failure(s) 27-OCT-2000 Mileage at Failure(s) 22000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 2	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	Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No
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NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

PE00-040 3 OUT 7 TIRES ON MOTOR HOME HAVE BLOWN OUT AND CUTS THROUGH THE SIDE WALLS AND TREAD PEELS OFF CAUSING DAMAGE TO MUDFLAP, THE RIM AND HUBCAP. (LT 23585R16 DOT VD0R1WT135 AFTER MARKET)

CONTINUED ON BACK (REVERSE)

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PE00-040 Scott Shodde 11/21/00

Form Approved, D.A.B. No. 2127-0008

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Date Received 27-OCT-2000		Od_or rt_idt od_rt up_kr		Reference No. 874089	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print) [Redacted] 651812				Work Number [Redacted] Home Number [Redacted]	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☒ YES ☐ NO In the absence of [Redacted] your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer. Signature of Owner [Redacted] Date 11/11/00					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN.) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) FORD 54R6LH48515		Vehicle Make FIRESTONE		Vehicle Model STEEL TEX	
Vehicle Year 1991		Current Odometer Reading 5			
Purchase Date ☐ New ☒ Used		Dealer's Name City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____		Engine Size (CID/CC/L) 460 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 Util ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle ☒ Minivan ☐ Other MOTOR HOME	
Body Style ☐ 2-Door ☐ 4-Door ☐ Stationwagon ☐ Pick Up Truck ☒ Other					
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PE00-040; 3 OUT 7 TIRES ON MOTOR HOME HAVE BLOWN OUT, AND CUT THROUGH THE SIDE WALLS, AND TREAD PEELED OFF, CAUSING DAMAGE TO MUDFLAP/ RIM AND HUBCAP. LT23585R16, DOT VD0R1WT135, AFTER MARKET. *AK after DOT # VD0R1WT145 and 155. TIRES PURCHASED AND INSTALLED 1/5/96. First Tire failed 10/2/99 after 22400 miles second failed 7/5/00 at 22750 miles third failed 10/1/2000 at 24500 miles. Tires have been maintained at manufacturer recommended pressure 80psi, covered to protect them from sun rays when not on road and the weight of vehicle is within manufacture's specs.					
CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED					
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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO. *

D O T 1VDDRIWT135

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

FIRESTONE STEELTEX RAS

SIZE

LT 235/85R16 RANGE

* 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)

other dates of manufacture 145 and 155. THE THREE FAILED
Tires blew out without warning and at low speeds < 50 mph.
The treads separated from the casings, the side walls split
open at approximate same place on the side walls. THREE (3)
of the tires that have not failed show extreme signs of
deterioration of sidewalls. Rubber is cracked and one has indication
of splitting across sidewall where 2 split. Damage to vehicle
includes damage to sidewall around wheel well area, exhaust
hangers, ~~lost~~ lost of two (2) hub caps, mud flaps, etc.
The only things that prevented lost of control during the front
right tire blow out of installed of a steer safe system.
Enclosed is pictures of front tire after blow out. will retain
all tires and damage wheel and they will be available on
request.
Authorized Firestone 1-800-465-1904 or 10/26/88. Firestone
not interested in problems of their tires or safety of their
customers.

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