



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
  
National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

## Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393  
DC METRO AREA (202) 366-0123  
INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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Reference No.

880135

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)<br><small>(Located at bottom of<br/>windshield on driver's side)</small> | Vehicle Make | Vehicle Model | Vehicle Year | Current Odometer Reading |
| 3FALP15P8YR109176                                                                                 | FORD         | ESCORT        | 1997         |                          |

|                                                                                            |                                                                  |                                                           |                                                                                                                                              |
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| Purchase Date<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used | Dealer's Name _____<br><br>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ | Engine Size _____<br>(CID/CC/L)<br><br>No Cylinders _____ | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |
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| Transmission Type<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Manual<br><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic | Antilock Brakes<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Restraint System<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt<br><input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag | Cruise Control<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Drive Train<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Front<br><input type="checkbox"/> Rear<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel | Vehicle Type<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util<br><input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ | Body Style<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door<br><input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon<br><input type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
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### FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

|                       |                                                                      |                                                                                                                                          |                                                                                             |
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| Component<br>02413000 | Part Name(s)<br>SUSPENSION:INDEPENDENT FRONT ATTACHING MECHANISMS:SI | Location<br><input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right<br><input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Original<br><input type="checkbox"/> Replacement |
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| No. of Failures<br>0 | Date(s) of Failure(s)<br>01-DEC-1999<br>Mileage at Failure(s)<br>23000<br>Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)<br>0 | Failed Part(s)<br>Available?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No | NHTSA Previously<br>Contacted?<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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.)

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|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Crash<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Fire<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No | Number of Persons Injured<br><br>0 | Number of Fatalities<br><br>0 | Estimated Property Damage | Reported to Police<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No |
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

**BOTH FRONT AND REAR COILSPRINGS BROKE WHILE CONSUMER WAS RECEIVING A LUBE JOB.  
THERE WERE NO INJURIES. \*AK**

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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## Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)

NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT

1-888-327-4238

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Work Number

Home Number

## OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

673453

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☐ YES☐ NO

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Signature of Owner

Date

## VEHICLE INFORMATION

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

3FALP16P8VR109176

Vehicle Make

FORD

Vehicle Model

ESCORT

Vehicle Year

1997

Current Odometer Reading

23,000

Purchase Date

Dealer's Name WILLIAM'S FORD

Engine Size  
(C/D/C/C/L)
☐ Turbo  
☐ Diesel  
☒ Gas  
☐ Fuel Injection
☒ New ☐ Used

City BREA State OHIO Zip Code

No Cylinders

4

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 Utl  
☐ Van ☐ Truck  
☐ Minivan ☐ Motorcycle  
☐ Other

Body Style

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

## FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Component  
02113000

Part Name(s)

SUSPENSION-INDEPENDENT FRONT ATTACHING-MECHANISMS

Suspension: rear coil springs

Location

☒ Left ☒ Right  
☐ Front ☐ Rear

Failed Part(s)

☐ Original  
☐ Replacement

No of Failures

0

Date(s) of Failure(s)

01-DEC-1999

Mileage at Failure(s)

23000

Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)

0

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

0

Number of Fatalities

0

Estimated Property Damage

Reported to Police

☐ Yes ☒ No

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

~~BOTH FRONT AND REAR COIL SPRINGS BROKE WHILE CONSUMER WAS RECEIVING A LUBE JOB.~~  
~~THERE WERE NO INJURIES.~~

Both rear coil springs were discovered to be broken in a broken condition by a mechanic while he was giving my car a lube job. He stated that he found broken coil springs in escorts more frequently than times when he didn't find them.

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This car has never carried more than three people and nothing heavier ~~that~~ than a folding lawn chair.