



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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25-APR-2001

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Reference No.

886785

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) (Locate at bottom of windshield or driver's side door)		Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading
1FDLE40S4VH01490		FIRESTONE	STEELTEX AT	1900	
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	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control	Drive Train	Vehicle Type
☐ Manual ☐ Automatic	☐ Yes ☒ No	☒ 3-Point Belt ☐ Driverside Airbag ☐ Passengerside Airbag ☐ Motorbelt ☐ 2-Point Belt	☐ Yes ☒ No	☐ Front ☐ Rear ☐ 4-Wheel	☐ Car ☐ Van ☐ Minivan ☐ Other _____ ☐ Sport Util ☐ Truck ☐ Motorcycle
					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 Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 26-MAR-2001 33000 Mileage at Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) ☐ Yes ☐ No	NHTSA Previously ☐ 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)

PE 00 040/TREAS SEPARATION: RIGHT REAR INNER TIRE EXPERIENCED A BLOWOUT/TREAD SEPARATION WHILE DRIVING AT HWY SPEED OF 55-60 MPH IN 1997, COACHMEN, LEPRECHAUN; ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT, TIRE SIZE 225/75R16, DOT# VDILXA506. FIRESTONE NOTIFIED, AND INFORMED CONSUMER THAT TIRE WAS NOT COVERED UNDER A RECALL. AND TIRE WAS AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS. FEEL FREE TO PROVIDE ANY FURTHER DETAILS ON THIS MATTER. *AK

CONTINUE ON REVERSE

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print) 688645				
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Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN.) (Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side) 1FDLE40S4VH01490	Vehicle Make FORD FIRESTONE	Vehicle Model COACHMEN STEELTEX AT MOTOR HOME	Vehicle Year 1998-1997	Current Odometer Reading 33701
Purchase Date 4-13-1997 ☒ New ☐ Used	Dealer's Name GIANT RECREATION WORLD City TAMPA State FL Zip Code 33619		Engine Size (CID/CCIL) No Cylinders VLD ☐ Turbo ☐ Diesel ☒ Gas ☒ Fuel Injection	
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No of Failures 2	Date(s) of Failure(s) 28-MAR-2001 APRIL 1997 Mileage at Failure(s) 33000 2-1000 Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) 55-60 30-35		Failed Part(s) Available? ☒ Yes ☐ No ONE	
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Reported to Police ☐ Yes ☒ No				
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CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED				
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INFORMATION ON TIRE FAILURE(S) (IF APPLICABLE)

TIRE IDENTIFICATION NO.™

D O T V D I L I X A 5 0 6

MANUFACTURER/TIRE NAME

FIRESTONE STEELTEXT

SIZE

225-75R16MS

* 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)

THE TIRE BLOWN MARR 2001 IS IN MY POSSESSION

THE UNDERPRIZE DAMAGE TO MOTOR HOME ESTIMATED
TO BE \$ 2494⁰⁰ BY PROGRESSIVE INSURANCE CO.

46333 FIVE MILE RD
SUITE 100

PLYMOUTH, MI 48170

THIS DID NOT INCLUDED COST OF NEW TIRES

BLOWN TIRE IN MY POSSESSION

☆ U.S.G.P.O.: 1982 - 625-867 / 60785

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