



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.

896668

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) <small>(Locate at bottom of and/or above driver's side)</small>	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year	Current Odometer Reading		
1FGHX25GXTEA25754	FORD TRUCK	F250	1996			
Purchase Date <input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	Dealer's Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) _____ No Cylinders _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio			
Transmission Type <input type="checkbox"/> Manual <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic	Antilock Brakes <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Restraint System <input type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> Driverside Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Bel <input type="checkbox"/> Passengerside Airbag	Cruise Control <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Drive Train <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel	Vehicle Type <input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Sport Util <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Motorcycle <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	Body Style <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick Up Truck <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

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

Component 15902000	Part Name(s) EQUIPMENT: OTHER PIECES: TRAILER HITCHES AND ATTACHME	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part's <input type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failure	Date(s) of Failure(s) 10-SEP-2001 75000 Mileage at Failure(s)	Failed Part(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities	Estimated Property Damag	Reported to Polic <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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### NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)

TRAILER HITCH SIDE PLATES RECEIVER WAS ATTACHED BY 6 BOLTS OF WHICH FOUR OF THEM BROKE. WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF TRUCK AND TRAILER. IF OTHER TWO BROKE, TRAILER WOULD HAVE SEPARATED. OWNER REPAIRED AND REINFORCED ATTACHMENTS FROM PARTS 9085087 RIGHT AND 9085088 LEFT THAT MANUFACTURER SENT. EAZLIFT TRAILER HITCH. \*AK

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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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 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		<b>Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)</b> NATIONWIDE 1-888-DASH-2-DOT 1-888-327-4236 www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline	
<b>OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)</b> [Redacted] 716401		Date Received <u>01 OCT 10 AM 10:21-SEP-2001</u> Office <u>OFFICE OF SAFETY INVESTIGATION</u> Reference No. <u>896668</u> Work Number _____ Home No. [Redacted]	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name and address to the vehicle manufacturer. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO			
Signature of Owner [Redacted]		Date <u>9/1/01</u>	
VEHICLE INFORMATION			
Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (located at bottom of windshield on driver's side)	Vehicle Make	Vehicle Model	Vehicle Year
1FGHX25GXTEA25754	FORD TRUCK	F250	1996
Purchase Date <u>11/95</u>	Dealer's Name <u>Tyson Ford</u>	Engine Size (CID/CC/L) <u>460</u>	<input type="checkbox"/> Turbo <input type="checkbox"/> Diesel <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gas <input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injectio
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used	City <u>Tyson, Georgia</u> State <u>VA</u> Zip Code _____	No. Cylinders <u>8</u>	
Transmission Type	Antilock Brakes	Restraint System	Cruise Control
<input type="checkbox"/> Manua <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Automatic	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 3-Point Belt <input type="checkbox"/> Driver Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Passenger Side Airbag <input type="checkbox"/> Motorbelt <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Point Belt	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
			Drive Train
			<input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Wheel
			Vehicle Type
			<input type="checkbox"/> Car <input type="checkbox"/> Van <input type="checkbox"/> Minivan <input type="checkbox"/> Other
			Body Style
			<input type="checkbox"/> 2-Door <input type="checkbox"/> 4-Door <input type="checkbox"/> Stationwagon <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pick Up <input type="checkbox"/> Truck
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION			
Component <u>15902000</u>	Part Name(s) <u>EQUIPMENT: OTHER PIECES: TRAILER HITCHES AND ATTACHME</u> <u>Manufactured by EAZ-LIFT SPRING CO.</u> <u>PO BOX 480 10618 BEEWICK ST. SUN VALLEY, CA</u>	Location <input type="checkbox"/> Left <input type="checkbox"/> Right <input type="checkbox"/> Front <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rear	Failed Part(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Original <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement
No of Failures	Date(s) of Failure(s) <u>10-SEP-2001</u> Mileage at Failure(s) <u>75000</u> Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____	Failed Part(s) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	NHTSA Previously <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> 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 <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Fire <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	Number of Persons Injured	Number of Fatalities
			Estimated Property Damage
			Reported to Police <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
NARRATIVE DESCRIPTION OF FAILURE(S), INCIDENT(S), INJURY(IES)			
<p>TRAILER HITCH SIDE PLATES RECEIVER WAS ATTACHED BY 6 BOLTS OF WHICH <del>FOUR OF THEM</del> <sup>Four attachment points</sup> BROKE. WAS ABLE TO MAINTAIN CONTROL OF TRUCK AND TRAILER. IF OTHER TWO BROKE, TRAILER WOULD HAVE SEPARATED. OWNER REPAIRED AND REINFORCED ATTACHMENTS FROM PARTS 9085087 RIGHT AND 9085088 LEFT THAT MANUFACTURER SENT. EAZLIFT TRAILER HITCH.</p> <p>*AK see photos enclosed.            Note: Attachment points on replacement joints are approximately 1/2 inch wider than on broken brackets</p>			
CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED			
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