



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

Auto Safety Hotline

## Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

NATIONWIDE 1-800-424-9393  
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INTERNET: <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov>

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Reference No.

898354

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

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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) _____<br><small>(Location at bottom of windshield and driver's side door)</small>                                                                                                  |                                                                                               | Vehicle Make<br><b>FORD</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Vehicle Model<br><b>TAURUS</b>                                                               | Vehicle Year<br><b>1999</b>                                                                                                                  | Current Odometer Reading<br>_____                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Purchase Date<br><br><input type="checkbox"/> New <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                                                  | Dealer's Name _____<br>City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Engine Size<br>(CID/CC/L) _____<br>No Cylinders _____                                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo<br><input type="checkbox"/> Diesel<br><input type="checkbox"/> Gas<br><input type="checkbox"/> Fuel Injection |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| 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 Bel<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><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><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 _____ |                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

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

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| Component<br>01300000 | Part Name(s)<br><b>STEERING:POWER ASSIST</b>                                                  | 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 |
| No of Failure         | Dates of Failure(s) _____<br>Mileage at Failure(s) _____<br>Vehicle Speed at Failure(s) _____ | Failed Part(s)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No                                                               | NHTSA Previously<br><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)

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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 | Number of Fatalities | Estimated Property Damag | 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)

WHILE TRAVELING STEERING WHEEL WAS HARD TO TURN AND FLUID WAS LOW AND REFILLED. DEALER WAS CONTACTED, AND STATED POWER STEERING NEEDED TO BE REPLACED. PLEASE PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION.\*AK

COPIES OF THIS FORM ARE:

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1-888-327-4236

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## OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

723558

Work Number

Home Number

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Signature of Owner

Date / /

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| Vehicle Ident. No. (VIN) (Located in front of vehicle - read on left side)<br><b>1FAFP53S6XG188123</b>                                                        | Vehicle Make<br><b>FORD</b>                                                               | Vehicle Model<br><b>TAURUS</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Vehicle Year<br><b>1999</b>                                                              | Current Odometer Reading<br><b>46,401</b>                                                                                     |
| Purchase Date<br><b>5/99</b>                                                                                                                                  | Dealer's Name<br><b>Enfield Ford</b>                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Engine Size (CID/GCC/L)<br><b>3.0</b>                                                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Turbo Diesel Gas Fuel Injection                                                                      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Used                                                                                         | City<br><b>Enfield</b>                                                                    | State<br><b>CT</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Zip Code                                                                                 | No Cylinders<br><b>6</b>                                                                                                      |
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| No of Failures<br><b>1</b>                                                            | Date(s) of Failure(s)<br><b>10/29/01</b>     | Mileage at Failure(s)<br><b>46,401</b>                                                                                                         | Vehicle Speed at Failure(s)                                                                 |
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It was determined that Steering Rack was defective. (See Dillon Park Bill, or Mr. Letter to Ford Motor Co.) At this point Ford has not contacted me.

CONTINUE ON BACK IF NEEDED

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