



This report, updated monthly, is designed to provide you with a summary of active NHTSA Defect Investigations. The investigations listed below are grouped according to type of investigation ([Preliminary Evaluation](#), [Engineering Analysis](#), [Recall Query](#), and [Defect/Recall Petition](#)) and identify the products under investigation, the alleged problem, and the investigation status. For up-to-date details on specific investigations, you can enter its Action # in the Quick Search box at: <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/defect/defectsearch.cfm>

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## September 2008

### MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA07-012	MY 2003- 2005 LAND ROVER, RANGE ROVER	FRONT DIFFERENTIAL/DRIVESHAFT FAILURE	14-AUG-2007	
EA07-013	MY 2002 C/K 2500 SUBURBAN/YUKON/SILVERADO/SIERRA/AVALANCHE	TRAILER HITCH RECEIVER FAILURE	14-SEP-2007	12-SEP-2008
EA07-015	2003 CHEVROLET CAVALIER	ENGINE STALLING - FUEL PUMP FAILURE	01-NOV-2007	
EA07-016	2000-2005 WORKHORSE CHASSIS BUILT WITH BOSH BRAKE CALIPERS	OVERHEATED BRAKE CALIPERS	16-NOV-2007	
EA07-018	2003 LAND ROVER FREELANDER	FUEL PUMP FAILURE - STALL	07-DEC-2007	
EA07-019	2005-2007 GENERAL MOTORS MINIVANS	POWER SLIDING DOOR OPENING	11-DEC-2007	
EA08-001	2004 - 2006 BMW 5, 7, X3 & Z4 AND 2006 3, 6 & X5 VEHICLES	BMW AIRBAG LIGHT ILLUMINATION	04-JAN-2008	
EA08-003	SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS	SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS	23-JAN-2008	
EA08-005	2004-2005 CHEVROLET AVEO	STUCK THROTTLE VALVE	14-FEB-2008	

EA08-006	2007 CHRYSLER PACIFICA WITH 4.0L ENGINE	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	21-FEB-2008	
EA08-007	2005-2007 F-250 & F-350 SUPER DUTY 4X4 VEHICLES	VIOLENT FRONT END OSCILLATION	14-MAR-2008	
EA08-008	2002 AND 2003 JEEP LIBERTY 4X4	UPPER BALL JOINT SEPARATION	15-APR-2008	
EA08-009	1999-2002 MERCEDES BENZ ML 430/500/55 WITH V-8 ENGINE	BRAKE LINE RUPTURE	28-APR-2008	
EA08-010	MY 2007-08 GMT900 PLATFORM AND MY 2006-08 HUMMER VEHICLES	NON-CRASH ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	12-JUN-2008	08-SEP-2008
EA08-011	2001-2003 MITSUBISHI GALANT	PASSENGER DOOR FIRE	01-JUL-2008	
EA08-012	2001 - 2002 HYUNDAI ELANTRA VEHICLES (BUILT THRU 12/14/01)	AIR BAG LIGHT ILLUMINATION	10-JUL-2008	
EA08-013	RICON "S" AND "K" SERIES WHEELCHAIR LIFTS	WHEELCHAIR LIFT ARM FRACTURES	29-JUL-2008	
EA08-014	MY 2004 TOYOTA SIENNA, EARLY PRODUCTION ONLY	ACCELERATOR PEDAL INTERFERENCE	08-AUG-2008	
EA08-015	2005 HONDA ODYSSEY	UNEXPECTED CLOSING OF POWER LIFTGATE	08-AUG-2008	
EA08-016	1999-2004 HYUNDAI SONATA IN SALT BELT	FRONT SUB-FRAME CORROSION	21-AUG-2008	
EA08-017	2002-2004 KIA SEDONA IN SALT BELT STATES	STEERING BINDING	28-AUG-2008	
EA08-018	2002-2003 FORD TAURUS AND MERCURY SABLE IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	28-AUG-2008	
EA08-019	MODEL YEARS 2007-2008 / EARLIER PREMIER	PINTLE HOOK PIN FRACTURES	29-AUG-2008	
EA08-020	2007 AND 2008 MODEL YEAR MINI COOPER "S"	EXHAUST PIPE BURNS	29-AUG-2008	
EA08-021	FORD MOTOR CO. MY 1995-2003 WINDSTAR	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	17-SEP-2008	
EA08-022	DILL TR400 SERIES VALVES MADE 7/06 THROUGH 11/06.	TIRE VALVE CRACKS	23-SEP-2008	

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS**

<b>Action#</b>	<b>MMY</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
PE08-030	2007 MERCEDES BENZ M-CLASS	SEAT BACK WARMER OVERHEATS/BURNS	25-APR-2008	09-SEP-2008
PE08-035	FORD MOTOR CO. MY 1995-2003 WINDSTAR	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	13-MAY-2008	17-SEP-2008
PE08-036	DILL TR400 SERIES TIRE VALVES MANUFACTURED IN 2006	TIRE VALVE CRACKS	15-MAY-2008	24-SEP-2008
PE08-039	2007 WEATHERTECH "ALL-WEATHER FLOOR MATS"	ACCELERATOR PEDAL-FLOOR MAT INTERFERENCE	25-JUN-2008	
PE08-040	MY 2001 HYUNDAI SANTA FE	REAR SUSPENSION TRAILING ARM FAILURE	02-JUL-2008	
PE08-041	MY 2004 TOYOTA SIENNA	STEERING INTERMEDIATE SHAFT BINDING	09-JUL-2008	
PE08-042	MY 2003 HUMMER H2	WINDSHIELD WIPER MOTOR FAILURE	16-JUL-2008	
PE08-044	MY 2007-2008 HYUNDAI ELANTRA	ENGINE STALLING - FUEL PUMP FAILURE	17-JUL-2008	03-SEP-2008
PE08-045	2008 NISSAN MAXIMA	TRANSMISSION HOSE LEAK	23-JUL-2008	
PE08-046	COUNTRY COACH MODEL YEARS 2006-08 AFFINITY & MAGNA RV	LOSS OF POWER STEERING	24-JUL-2008	25-SEP-2008
PE08-047	2000-2001 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCKS	HOOD LATCH FAILURE	25-JUL-2008	
PE08-048	2006-7 YAMAHA FJR1300	MOTORCYCLE STALLING - ELECTRICAL	08-AUG-2008	
PE08-049	2007-2008 PEG PEREGO PRIMO VIAGGIO INFANT SEAT	HEEL LACERATIONS	13-AUG-2008	
PE08-050	MY 2006-8 APRILIA SCARABEO 500	MOTORSCOOTER STALLING - FUEL	14-AUG-2008	
PE08-051	2003-2004 SAAB 9-3 IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	28-AUG-2008	
PE08-052	2007 DODGE CHARGER POLICE CRUISER (V8)	PRNDL MISALIGNMENT	02-SEP-2008	
PE08-053	MODEL YEAR 2005 VOLVO VNL AND VN TRUCKS	DRAG LINK FAILURE	12-SEP-2008	

PE08-054	2005-2007 PONTIAC G6	STOP LAMP MALFUNCTION	15-SEP-2008	
PE08-055	2007 MY INTERNATIONAL TRUCK 4300 & CE SCHOOL BUS CHASSIS	FRONT LEAF SPRING FRACTURES	17-SEP-2008	
PE08-056	2005-2006 CHEVROLET CORVETTE	ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL MALFUNCTION	17-SEP-2008	
PE08-057	2000-2001 LODAL EVO TRASH TRUCKS	TRASH TRUCK FIRE	25-SEP-2008	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
RECALL QUERY**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ08-002	1998 - 2003 MERCEDES M-CLASS	POWER STEERING HOSE LEAK	11-MAR-08	17-SEP-08
RQ08-003	2004 FORD EXPLORER AND MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	LIFTGATE GLASS HATCH HINGE FAILURE	23-JUN-08	
RQ08-004	2005-2007 MY BLUE BIRD BODY MODEL 450 LXI (WANDERLODGE)	RECALL REMEDY ADEQUACY	24-JUN-08	
RQ08-005	2005 DODGE DURANGO	FUEL SPIT-BACK DURING REFUELING	28-JUL-08	
RQ08-006	2002 & 2003 HONDA ACCORD MODELS WITH AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION	IGNITION PARK-SHIFT INTERLOCK	08-SEP-08	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
PETITIONS**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP08-002	MY1999 -2003 SATURN L-SERIES WITH 2.2L ENGINE	TIMING CHAIN FAILURE AND STALL	18-JUN-2008	

## Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

Initial phase of a NHTSA investigation, a PE is prompted after a review of consumer complaints and/or manufacturer service bulletins suggest a safety defect may exist. The results of a PE determine whether the investigation will be upgraded to an Engineering Analysis or closed. Most PEs are resolved within four months.

## Engineering Analysis (EA)

Second and final phase of a NHTSA investigation, an EA is undertaken if data from a PE indicate further examination of a potential safety defect is warranted. The results of an EA determine whether a safety recall should be initiated or the investigation should be closed. Most EAs are resolved within one year.

## Recall Query (RQ)

NHTSA monitors recalls to ensure that the scope, completion rate, and remedy are adequate. If recall adequacy comes into question, an RQ is opened to determine if the scope of the recall should be expanded or an adjustment in existing remedies is required.

## Defect or Recall Petition (DP or RP)

NHTSA may be petitioned to investigate an alleged safety defect or whether a manufacturer has successfully carried out the requirements of a recall. If the petition is granted, NHTSA opens an appropriate investigation. If the petition is denied, the reasons for denial are published in the Federal Register.

**If you have a safety concern or want to learn more...**

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### FAX:

- 202-493-2833 (Download complaint form , fill out and fax).

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Technical Information Services (NPO-230)  
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