



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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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA07-012	MY 2003- 2005 LAND ROVER, RANGE ROVER	FRONT DIFF. / PROPELLER SHAFT FAILURE	14-AUG-2007	10-DEC-2008
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	22-DEC-2008
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	31-DEC-2008
EA08-003	SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS	SEVAS S-10 AFTERMARKET WHEELS	23-JAN-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	
EA08-011	2001-2003 MITSUBISHI GALANT	PASSENGER DOOR FIRE	01-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	
EA08-021	FORD MOTOR CO. MY 1995-2003 WINDSTAR	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRES	17-SEP-2008	
EA08-022	DILL TR400 SERIES VALVES MADE 7/06 TO 11/06	TIRE VALVE OZONE CRACKING	23-SEP-2008	12-DEC-2008
EA08-023	MY 2001-2003 HYUNDAI SANTA FE	REAR SUSPENSION TRAILING ARM FAILURE	28-OCT-2008	
EA08-024	2004-2006 TOYOTA SIENNA	STEERING INTERMEDIATE SHAFT BINDING	28-OCT-2008	
EA08-025	MY 2006-2007 YAMAHA FJR1300 MOTORCYCLES	MOTORCYCLE STALLING - ELECTRICAL	21-NOV-2008	
EA08-026	MY2003-2006 SAAB 9-3 IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	22-DEC-2008	

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE08-047	2000-2001 DODGE RAM PICKUP TRUCKS	2000-2001 DODGE RAM PICKUP HOOD LATCH	25-JUL-2008	17-DEC-2008

PE08-051	MY2003-2006 SAAB 9-3 IN SALT BELT STATES	FRONT SUSPENSION COIL SPRING FRACTURE	28-AUG-2008	23-DEC-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	
PE08-058	MERITOR WABCO BRAKE CONTROL VALVE FOR MY 2005-08 VEHICLES	INCR STOPPING DIST - BRAKE CONTROL VALVE	02-OCT-2008	
PE08-059	2006 DODGE RAM 3500	TURN SIGNAL MALFUNCTION	07-OCT-2008	
PE08-060	MY 2007 FORD VEHICLES USING LOW PRESSURE SNAP-IN VALVES	TIRE VALVE CRACKING	14-OCT-2008	
PE08-061	MY00-02 SATURN L-SERIES (L61 ENG.) BUILT BEFORE MAY 2002	TIMING CHAIN FAILURE-STALL	16-OCT-2008	
PE08-062	2004 CHEVROLET MALIBU, MALIBU MAXX	LOSS OF TURN SIGNAL FUNCTION	21-OCT-2008	
PE08-063	2003-2004 FORD F-150 DUAL FUEL CNG TRUCKS	CNG REGULATOR LEAK	31-OCT-2008	
PE08-064	2004-2006 SUBARU BAJA TURBO	FUEL PUMP LEAK	14-NOV-2008	
PE08-065	2003-2007 NISSAN MURANO	DRIVER SEAT ANCHOR FAILURE	18-NOV-2008	
PE08-066	2003-2005 FORD CROWN VICTORIA/MERCURY GRAND MARQUIS	LOSS OF HEADLIGHT FUNCTION	26-NOV-2008	
PE08-067	2003-2005 INFINITI Q45	AIR BAG WARNING LAMP ILLUMINATION	02-DEC-2008	
PE08-068	2005-2008 THOMAS BUILT C2 SCHOOL BUSES	IMPROPER HANDRAIL INSTALLATION	03-DEC-2008	
PE08-069	2008 MACK TRUCKS CHU/CXU	AIR COMPRESSOR DISCHARGE LINE FAILURE	09-DEC-2008	
PE08-070	2005-2006 FORD EXPEDITION SPECIAL SERVICE VEHICLES (SSV)	FRACTURE OF STEEL WHEEL RIM	09-DEC-2008	
PE08-071	2002-2003 HYUNDAI SONATA	INTERIOR DOOR HANDLE LACERATION HAZARD	15-DEC-2008	

PE08-072	MY 2003 TOYOTA SEQUOIA	ELECTRONIC STABILITY CONTROL MALFUNCTION	16-DEC-2008	
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**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT
RECALL QUERY**

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**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT
PETITIONS**

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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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