



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP09-002
 Prompted By: Mark Peters, Petitioner
 Date Opened: 04/08/2009
 Principal Investigator: Ali Motamedamin
 Subject: Rear Lamp Illumination

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC, Bayerische Motoren Werke
 Products: 2002-2005 BMW 3 Series (E46)
 Population: 200,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Rear lamps are not illuminating due to the rear lamp connector malfunctioning.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	11		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other:	0		

Description of Other:

Action: A Defect Petition (DP) is opened.

Engineer: Ali Motamedamin A.M.

Date: 04/08/2009

Div. Chief: Thomas Z. Cooper

Date: 04/08/2009

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 04/08/2009

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received a petition from Mr. Mark Peters requesting an investigation of rear lamp failure in Model Year 2002-2005 BMW 3-series vehicles. He states that he has experienced multiple exterior lighting failures of rear lamp illumination on his 2002 BMW 330I. The petitioner alleges that a rear lamp wiring harness and connector may overheat leading to rear lamp bulb failures. ODI will evaluate whether the issue raised in his petition warrants an investigation.