



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: EQ 11-003
Prompted by: 11V-255
Date Opened: 05/12/2011
Investigator: Alexander Ansley
Approver: Jennifer Timian
Subject: Williams Controls Accelerator Pedals

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: PIERCE MANUFACTURING
Products: Certain 1999-2008 Pierce Fire Trucks
Population: 4,409
Problem Description: Certain Pierce fire trucks contain a Williams Controls accelerator assembly that may become stuck in the open throttle position after repeated use with excessive force.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	0	TBD	TBD

*Description of Other:

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open EQ

Summary:

On April 26, 2011, Pierce Manufacturing, Inc. (Pierce) notified the NHTSA that it had decided certain Pierce fire trucks, manufactured between June 22, 1999, and May 12, 2008, contain a safety related defect. Pierce stated that certain model year 1999 through 2008 Arrow XT, Dash, Lance, and Enforcer vehicles contain a Williams Controls, Inc. (Williams Controls) suspended electronic accelerator pedal that may become bent after repeated use with excessive force. If the pedal arm bends far enough, the pedal may contact the cab floor without warning and stick in the full throttle position. If the accelerator pedal becomes stuck, the operator may lose control of the vehicle increasing the risk of a crash. This issue was assigned recall number 11V-255.

The purpose of this EQ is to write to any other companies that might have purchased this equipment, notify them of this defect in any vehicles they manufactured, and to ensure thorough safety recalls are conducted where appropriate.