



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 2011

<b>MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS</b>				
<b>Action#</b>	<b>MMY</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
EA09-005	2003-2005 INFINITI Q45 AND 2003-2004 INFINITI M45	SIDE AIR BAG NON-DEPLOYMENT	01-APR-2009	
EA09-013	MY 2002 - 2005 FORD EXPLORER / MERCURY MOUNTAINEER	VEHICLE ROLLAWAY ALLEGATIONS	18-AUG-2009	
EA09-016	2004 AND 2005 FORD FREESTAR AND MERCURY MONTEREY	TORQUE CONVERTER OUTPUT SHAFT FAILURE	10-NOV-2009	
EA09-017	MY 2007-2008 Kia Sorento manufactured prior to 11/27/2007	Air Bag Occupant Classification System	19-NOV-2009	26-SEP-2011
EA09-019	2002-2005 BMW 3 Series Sedans (Except M3) (E46)	Rear Lamp Illumination	18-DEC-2009	28-SEP-2011
EA10-002	MY2001-2004 FORD ESCAPE AND MAZDA TRIBUTE	ENGINE COMPARTMENT FIRE	14-JAN-2010	
EA10-003	1997-2008 E350/450 Ford Cab/Chassis	HVAC Switch Failures	13-APR-2010	
EA10-005	All 2008 and 2009 models with a Center Front Adjuster	Harness slippage	02-JUL-2010	
EA11-001	1999-2003 GM C/K pickup trucks and SUVs in Salt Belt states	Brake line corrosion failure	05-JAN-2011	
EA11-002	2001-2007 Volkswagen Passat	Engine Compartment Fire	26-JAN-2011	
EA11-003	2009-2010 Volkswagen/Audi JETTA/Golf/A3 TDI Clean Diesel	High-Pressure Fuel Pump Failure (HPFP)	07-FEB-2011	
EA11-004	2006 Honda CR-V	Driver's Master Power Window Switch	11-APR-2011	
EA11-005	2004-2005 Mini Cooper	Loss of Power Steering Assist	04-MAY-2011	
EA11-007	MY 2008, 2009, 2010 DoubleTree (DRV) Recreational Vehicles	Wheel Separations (Broken Studs)	27-MAY-2011	
EA11-008	2006-2008 Pierce Contender EV	Engine RPM's surging during pumping mode	27-JUN-2011	
EA11-009	2010 Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan	Wheel Stud Fracture	26-JUL-2011	
EA11-010	Model Year (MY) 2005 Chrysler Minivans	Loss of Headlight Illumination	06-SEP-2011	
EA11-011	2007 Sterling L-liner	Haldex Spring Brake Failures	09-SEP-2011	
EA11-012	Model Year 2002 through 2004 Honda CR-V	Low Beam Headlights Stop Working	12-SEP-2011	
EA11-013	MY 2004 - 2005 Jeep Liberty	Rear Suspension Control Arm Failure	15-SEP-2011	
EA11-014	2004-07 Saturn ION	Electric Power Steering Failure	29-SEP-2011	

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS**

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PE10-019	2010 Ford Fusion and Mercury Milan	Accelerator pedal entrapment.	28-MAY-2010	
PE10-022	2005 Chrysler Minivans	Loss of Headlight Illumination	12-JUL-2010	13-SEP-2011
PE10-023	MY 2003 Kia Sorento	Fuel expulsion/spit-back when refueling	12-JUL-2010	
PE10-031	1993-2004 Jeep Grand Cherokee	Crash Related Fuel Tank Fires	23-AUG-2010	
PE10-048	2006 Model Year Winnebago Itasca	Hitch Fracture	07-DEC-2010	
PE10-049	MY 2006 GMT-560 (Chevrolet, GMC, & Isuzu 4500 & 5000 Series)	Cooling Fan Blade Fracture	07-DEC-2010	
PE11-007	2007 Sterling L-liner	HalDEX Brake Chamber Spring Failures	29-MAR-2011	23-SEP-2011
PE11-008	2006 - 2011 Caterpillar C7 Engine	Caterpillar C7 Hose Leak	29-MAR-2011	
PE11-009	2008-2011 Dodge Ram 2500/3500	Outer Tie Rod Failure	04-APR-2011	
PE11-011	MY 2002-07 Impreza, 2003-08 Forester, and 2005-06 Saab 9-2X	Front suspension control arm failure	07-APR-2011	23-SEP-2011
PE11-013	MY 2002 - 2005 Jeep Liberty	Rear Suspension Control Arm Failure	18-APR-2011	
PE11-014	2005-07 Chevrolet Trailblazer/GMC Envoy/Buick Rainier/Saab97	Fuel level gauge system failure	25-APR-2011	23-SEP-2011
PE11-015	2003-2010 Wheeled Coach Crusader Ambulances	Battery Cable Corrosion	26-APR-2011	29-SEP-2011
PE11-017	Model Year 2002 through 2004 Honda CR-V	Low Beam Headlights Stop Working	29-APR-2011	23-SEP-2011
PE11-018	MY 2005 through 2007 Ford Freestyle	Throttle Control Malfunction	11-MAY-2011	
PE11-019	Model Year 2007-2008 Jeep Wrangler	Airbag Clockspring Failure	23-MAY-2011	
PE11-020	2007 - 2008 Nissan Altima	Brake Master Cylinder Internal Leak	23-MAY-2011	
PE11-021	MY 2007 Saturn Aura	Shift Indicator Misalignment	20-MAY-2011	
PE11-022	2005-2006 Lotus Elise	Oil Cooler Line Rupture	18-JUL-2011	
PE11-023	2011 VW Jetta TDI	Diesel fuel injector line leakage	02-AUG-2011	
PE11-024	2011-2012 Ford Mustang	Inability to shift gears on acceleration	03-AUG-2011	
PE11-025	MY 2002 through MY 2008 BMW 7 Series	Vehicle Rollaway Allegations	05-AUG-2011	
PE11-026	2008 Mazda CX-9	Brake master cylinder leak	09-AUG-2011	
PE11-027	KME Ariel Cat 2008	Fire truck aerial ladder failure	16-AUG-2011	
PE11-028	2011 Cascadia, Columbia, Coronado & Business Class M2	Output shaft failure and separation	29-AUG-2011	
PE11-029	2003 - 2012 Thomas Built Saf-T-Liner HDX CNG Bus	Thomas Built CNG Tank Abrasion	02-SEP-2011	
PE11-030	Century 2 and Vista 2	Wheelchair Lift Rollstop Failure	09-SEP-2011	
PE11-031	2005 - 2007 Thomas Built C2 School Bus	Body Battery Post Corrosion	12-SEP-2011	
PE11-032	2005 - 2010 Thomas Built C2 SB with CAT C7 Engines	Brake Line Chafing	12-SEP-2011	

PE11-033	MY 2004-2005 Ford Freestar & Mercury Monterey	Service Jack Failure	13-SEP-2011	
PE11-034	2009 Honda Odyssey (Touring and EX-L models)	Unexpected Closing of Power Liftgate	23-SEP-2011	
PE11-035	2002-2003 Jeep Liberty	Inadvertent Air Bag Deployment	23-SEP-2011	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
RECALL QUERY**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ10-004	2004-2007 Saturn Ion	Electric Power Steering Failure	15-DEC-10	
RQ11-001	2002-2012 Volvo Vehicles with Sleepers	Volvo Sleep glass de-bonding	23-MAY-11	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
PETITIONS**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP09-006	2005 - 07 MODEL YEAR BLUE BIRD WANDERLODGE M450 MOTOR HOME	ALLEGED INADEQUATE CAMPAIGN REMEDY	30-NOV-2009	
DP10-002	ALL DAYTON RADIAL LACED AFTERMARKET MOTORCYCLE WHEELS	MOTORCYCLE WHEEL FAILURE	18-FEB-2010	
DP10-004	Model Year 2005 Honda Accord Hybrid Vehicles	Braking Performance, Hybrid Vehicle	18-NOV-2010	

## 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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