



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ 04-012  
Prompted By: 04V-129  
Date Opened: 11/22/2004  
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman  
Subject: Tailgate Support Cable Breakage

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.  
Products: 1998 - 2004 Sonoma and S10  
Population: 1422664 (estimated)

Problem Description: When the tailgate is in the open (horizontal) position, one or both of the tailgate support cables can break causing the supported individual and/or cargo to drop to the ground without warning.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	42	0	42
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	5	0	5
# Injuries:	5	0	5
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

### \*Description Of Other:

Action: Open a Recall Query (RQ).

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Summary: General Motors is conducting Recall Campaign 04V-129 to replace the tailgate support cables originally installed in certain model year 2000-2004 Sierras and Silverados and certain model year 2002-2004 Avalanches and Escalade EXTs.

ODI has reviewed owner complaints pertaining to 1996-2003 model years Sonomas and S10 vehicles. This data indicates that 42 tailgate support cables breakage incidents have occurred in 1996-2002 model year Sonoma and S10 vehicles. Five injury incidents are associated with 1998 - 2004 model year Sonomas or S10 vehicles.

ODI will conduct further investigation to determine whether further action is indicated for 1998 - 2004 model year Sonomas and/or S10 vehicles.

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