



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE05-002  
Date Opened: 01/13/2005  
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon  
Subject: Ignition-Park Interlock

Manufacturer: American Honda Motor Co.  
Products: MY 1999 - 2001 Honda Accord with automatic transmission.  
Population: 1,203,540

Problem Description: The Ignition-Park interlock system fails to prevent ignition key removal when the shift lever is in non-park positions, increasing the risk for a rollaway crash.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	13	70	75
Crashes/Fires:	3	11	12
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	204	204

\*Description Of Other: 133 warranty and 71 goodwill claims that may be related to the subject defect.

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: The investigation was opened as a result of a Defect Petition (DP) submitted to NHTSA on September 21, 2004; see DP04-006 for further detail. During the DP, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) produced an information request (IR) letter that defined the subject vehicles as model year 1999 - 2001 Honda Accord vehicles that were not within the scope of prior recall action (03V423) which Honda conducted to resolve an interlock defect. The failure reports noted above have been determined from ODI's analysis of NHTSA's complaint database and an initial analysis of the manufacturer's IR response data, and further analysis will be conducted. Some of the Honda reports are duplicative of ODI. Taking into account a shorter service life, the failure incidence of the subject vehicles is similar to that determined when ODI conducted Preliminary Evaluation (PE) 03-013, which involved interlock failures on older Accords subsequently recalled under the 03V423 action. A meeting with Honda to review the results of their engineering testing and analysis will be requested.

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