



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

ODI RESUME

INVESTIGATION: PE01-005

DATE OPENED: 6-MAR-01

SUBJECT: Fire in the area of the rear auxiliary heater.

PROMPTED BY: IE01-014 - William Duckwitz, Larry Long

PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: S. B. York

MANUFACTURER: General Motors

MODEL(S): Tahoe

MODEL YEAR(S): 2001

VEHICLE POPULATION: 50,000 (Estimated)

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION: While driving, a fire started in the driver's side rear compartment when the auxiliary heater was turned on.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	MANUFACTURER	TOTAL
COMPLAINTS:	1	0	1
FIRES:	1	0	1
#INJURIES:	0	0	0
#FATALS:	0	0	0
OTHER:	0	0	0

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER:

ACTION: Open Preliminary Evaluation.

INVESTIGATOR: SB York

DIV CHIEF: Thomas Lopez OFC DIR: [Signature]

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SUMMARY: The subject fire occurred when the new vehicle had been driven only a few miles. The fire spread rapidly and totally gutted the interior of the vehicle.

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