



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>

If you're having any safety problem with your vehicle, whether or not identified on the list below, please [Contact Us](#) today!

## March 2013

<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>
EA11-001	1999-2003 GM C/K pickup trucks and SUVs in Salt Belt states	Brake line corrosion failure	05-JAN-2011	
EA11-003	2009-2010 Volkswagen/Audi JETTA/Golf/A3 TDI Clean Diesel	High-Pressure Fuel Pump Failure (HPFP)	07-FEB-2011	
EA11-005	2004-2005 Mini Cooper	Loss of Power Steering Assist	04-MAY-2011	
EA11-011	2007 Sterling L-liner	HalDEX Spring Brake Failures	09-SEP-2011	
EA11-014	2004-07 Saturn ION	Electric Power Steering Failure	29-SEP-2011	
EA11-015	MY 2007-2008 Saturn Aura	Transmission Cable Failure	10-NOV-2011	
EA12-003	2004 Ford Freestar/Mercury Monterey (in salt belt states)	Corrosion of Third-Row Seat Attachment	23-APR-2012	
EA12-004	MY 2006-2007 Chevrolet Trailblazer	Driver's Master Power Window Switch	11-JUN-2012	
EA12-005	93-04 Grand Cherokee, 93-01 Cherokee & 02-07 Liberty	Crash Related Fuel Tank Fires	12-JUN-2012	
EA12-007	1992-2012 MCI D & E Series Buses with Steerable Tag Axle	MCI Driveshaft Safety Loop Failures	13-SEP-2012	
EA12-008	2012 Hyundai Elantra	Side Curtain Air Bag Improper Deployment	13-SEP-2012	
EA12-009	2008-2010 Ford Fusion, Mercury Milan and Lincoln MKZ	Accelerator Pedal Interference	12-DEC-2012	
EA13-001	2009-2012 (models listed in the summary)	Child Seat Harness Buckle	21-FEB-2013	
EA13-002	2005 Honda Pilot	Vehicle Stability Assist Malfunction	21-FEB-2013	29-MAR-2013
EA13-003	MY 2003-2008 E-Class Vehicles	Fuel Leakage From The Fuel Tank	15-MAR-2013	

<b>MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS</b>				
<b>Action#</b>	<b>MMY</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Date Opened</b>	<b>Date Closed</b>
PE10-048	2006 Model Year Winnebago Itasca	Hitch Fracture	07-DEC-2010	

PE12-001	2003-2006 E55 AMG Sedan and Wagon	Fuel System (Tank/Sender) Leakage	23-JAN-2012	18-MAR-2013
PE12-017	2011 Ford Explorer	Loss of electric power assisted steering	19-JUN-2012	
PE12-021	2009-2010 Dodge Ram 1500	Rear Differential Failure	19-JUL-2012	05-MAR-2013
PE12-025	MY 2005 - 2008 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor Models	Loss of Steering Control	14-SEP-2012	
PE12-028	2005 Honda Pilot vehicles	Vehicle Stability Assist Malfunction	09-OCT-2012	15-MAR-2013
PE12-029	2011 Hyundai Santa Fe	Steering Shaft Separation	09-OCT-2012	
PE12-030	Mr. Gasket Fuel Regulator Model 9710	Aftermarket Fuel Regulator Leak	11-OCT-2012	
PE12-031	2009-2011 My Ride and Nautilus	Child Seat Harness Buckle	15-OCT-2012	04-MAR-2013
PE12-032	MY 2011-2012 Jeep Patriot	Engine stall	15-OCT-2012	
PE12-033	MY 2000 - 2003 Ford Taurus/Mercury Sables w/Duratec engines	Stuck throttle	24-OCT-2012	
PE12-035	2008-2010 Buell 1125	Motorcycle Stalling	16-NOV-2012	
PE12-036	2005-8 BMW R-Series	Fuel Leak - Motorcycle	16-NOV-2012	
PE12-037	2008 Road Rescue EV Ambulance	Loss of Emergency Power & Accessories	07-DEC-2012	
PE13-001	2013 Freightliner Business Class M2	SmartPlex Multiplexer Module Failure	15-JAN-2013	
PE13-002	2007-2012 Volvo Trucks Equipped w/ I-Shift Transmission	Volvo I-Shift Transmission Disengagement	07-FEB-2013	
PE13-003	MY 2009-2011 Ford Escape, Fusion, Mariner and Milan	Electronic Throttle Body Malfunction	21-FEB-2013	
PE13-004	2011 - 2012 Orion VII Transit Buses	Coolant Leak Resulting in Occupant Burns	05-MAR-2013	
PE13-005	2011-2012 Volvo VNL	Windshield Wiper Failures	18-MAR-2013	
PE13-006	2013 Thomas Built Bus C2 Cold Weather State School Buses	Blocked Fuel Delivery Resulting in Stall	18-MAR-2013	
PE13-007	2006-2008 Hyundai Sonata	Rear Control Arm Failure	25-MAR-2013	
PE13-008	2012 F-350s (gas) Crew cab truck with Manning utility body	High exhaust temperature causing fire	29-MAR-2013	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
RECALL QUERY**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ12-001	2007 Freightliner M2 models	PDM failures	07-DEC-12	
RQ13-001	2005-2008 Pontiac G6	Brake Light Malfunction	04-FEB-13	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT  
PETITIONS**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP09-	2005 -	ALLEGED INADEQUATE CAMPAIGN REMEDY	30-NOV-2009	

006	07 MODEL YEAR BLUE BIRD WANDERLODGE M450 MOTOR HOME			
DP12-001	1998-2009 K1200LT	M/C final drive ball bearing failure	20-JAN-2012	
DP12-003	2007-2009 Saturn Outlook and GMC Acadia	Loss of Headlamp Illumination	04-JUN-2012	
DP12-004	MY 2005-2010 Nissan Frontier/Xterra/Frontier	Transmission Failure (ATF contamination)	11-JUN-2012	
DP13-001	2004-2009 Toyota Prius	Steering Intermediate Shaft Failure	21-FEB-2013	
DP13-002	2012 Toyota Prius C	2012 Toyota Prius C brake system failure	18-MAR-2013	

## 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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