



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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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
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	
EA11-014	2004-07 Saturn ION	Electric Power Steering Failure	29-SEP-2011	
EA11-015	MY 2007-2008 Saturn Aura	Transmission Cable Failure	10-NOV-2011	
EA12-005	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	
EA12-009	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	
EA13-003	MY 2003-2008 E-Class Vehicles	Fuel Leakage From The Fuel Tank	15-MAR-2013	
EA13-005	2005-2008 Pontiac G6	Brake Light Malfunction	06-JUN-2013	
EA13-007	2005-2007 Chevrolet Corvette	Loss of Low Beam Headlights	23-AUG-2013	
EA13-008	2008-2011 Mercedes Benz C-Class	Loss of rear lighting assembly	20-DEC-2013	
EA14-001	2011-2013 Jeep Grand Cherokee and Dodge Durango	Headliner Fires	10-JAN-2014	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT PRELIMINARY EVALUATIONS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE12-017	2011 Ford Explorer	Loss of electric power assisted steering	19-JUN-2012	
PE13-009	MY 2001-11 Porsche 911 with Turbo, GT2 and GT3 engines	Rapid coolant loss	26-APR-2013	10-MAR-2014

PE13-018	2011 - 2013 Ford F150 with 3.5L GTDI engine	Reduced power during hard acceleration	22-MAY-2013	
PE13-019	Agility CNG Fuel Containers with Youngdo Manual Valves	CNG Fuel Container Manual Valve	06-JUN-2013	
PE13-032	2008-2013 Cornhusker Hopper Trailers	Trailer Structural Cracks	20-SEP-2013	10-MAR-2014
PE13-033	2009 Hyundai Genesis	Reduced brake effectiveness	17-OCT-2013	
PE13-034	MY 2012 Jeep Liberty	Jeep Liberty Door Fires	21-OCT-2013	09-MAR-2014
PE13-035	2011-2013 Kia Sorento	Sunroof Implosion	21-OCT-2013	
PE13-037	2012-2013 Tesla Model S	Fire - Propulsion Battery - Road Debris	15-NOV-2013	26-MAR-2014
PE13-038	2011-2012 Ford F-550 with CNG Fuel System Conversion	CNG Fuel Container Securement	15-NOV-2013	09-MAR-2014
PE13-039	4000D, 4000DX & 3000R Trailers Built from Apr. 2012-May 2013	Pintle Hook Loop Failure	09-DEC-2013	
PE14-001	MY 2007-2008 Toyota Camry HEV	Brake system malfunction	23-JAN-2014	
PE14-002	2008 American LaFrance Eagle	Front spindle failure	30-JAN-2014	
PE14-003	2011 - 2013 Chase, Maestro, Secure Kid, and Titan	Car Seat Harness Buckle	31-JAN-2014	
PE14-004	2008 Honda Accord	Inadvertent Side Air Bag Deployment	31-JAN-2014	
PE14-005	2010-11 Mazda CX-9	Brake booster failure	10-FEB-2014	
PE14-006	2008-2013 Vision	Steering interference - motorcycle	10-MAR-2014	
PE14-007	2013 Westward GO-4	Front Brake Malfunction - Motorcycle	20-MAR-2014	
PE14-008	2013-14 Forest River Columbus 5th Wheel Recreational Vehicle	Brake Lining Contamination	20-MAR-2014	
PE14-009	2010-2011 Pierce Arrow Fire Trucks w/ TAK-4 Front Suspension	Front A-arm failing	26-MAR-2014	

**MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT
RECALL QUERY**

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ13-002	2012 Chevrolet Camaro, Cruze and Sonic, and Buick Verano	Driver Air Bag Module Connector Failure	31-MAY-13	
RQ13-003	2013 Malibu Eco & 2012-13 Regal, LaCrosse eAssist HEV	Generator Control Module Fires	05-JUL-13	
RQ13-004	2009-2012 Hyundai Elantra Touring	Headliner Bracket Detachment	04-DEC-13	

**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	
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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