



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 NHTSA SAFETY ISSUE ID box after selecting the "search by NHTSA ID" link on the NHTSA "Safety Issues & Recalls" page at: <https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls#vehicle>

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MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT ENGINEERING ANALYSIS

Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
EA14-002	2011-2013 Kia Sorento	Spontaneous Sunroof Breakage	12-MAY-2014	
EA15-001	Various MY 2001-2011 models with Takata air bag inflators	Air Bag Inflator Rupture	24-FEB-2015	
EA16-001	2014 Freightliner Business Class M2	CNG Fuel System Integrity	03-FEB-2016	
EA16-003	Various models equipped with ARC air bag inflators	Air Bag Inflator Rupture	04-AUG-2016	
EA17-001	2015-2016 Freightliner Cascadia Trucks	Wiper Motor Failure	03-APR-2017	
EA17-002	MY 2011 - 2017 Ford Explorer including Police Interceptor	Ford Explorer Exhaust Odor	27-JUL-2017	
EA17-004	2010 Ford Fusion	Power Steering Failure	20-NOV-2017	
EA18-001	MY 2009 Nissan Murano	Extended Braking Distances	18-APR-2018	
EA18-002	MY 2006-2012 Fusion/MKZ & MY 2006-2011 Milan	Extended Braking Distance	18-APR-2018	
EA18-003	2010-2014 MY Volkswagen Models (see list in summary)	Air Bag Clockspring Failure	18-APR-2018	
EA18-004	2013-2016 Range Rover and Range Rover Sport	Door Latch Open While Driving	02-JUL-2018	
EA18-005	2018 MY Tiguan	Seat Belt Webbing Failure	03-JUL-2018	
EA18-006	2008-2013 Toyota Highlander	Upper Steering Column Separation	16-NOV-2018	

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PRELIMINARY EVALUATION				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
PE16-014	MY13-16 Ram 1500 & MY14-16 Dodge Durango with Rotary Shifter	Vehicle Rollaway	16-DEC-2016	
PE16-015	MY2012-2014 Land Rover Evoque & Jaguar XF	Powered vehicle rollaway	16-DEC-2016	
PE17-005	2015 - 2019 Model Year Polaris Slingshot	Seatbelt Retractor Failure	18-SEP-2017	25-MAR-2019
PE17-009	1996 - 2003 Goodyear G159 tires	Goodyear G159 Tires	28-DEC-2017	
PE18-001	2018 Volkswagen Tiguan	Seat Belt Webbing Failure	10-JAN-2018	
PE18-002	2016 Mercedes-Benz Metris	Engine Compartment Fuel Leak	13-MAR-2018	
PE18-003	2012-2013 Kia Forte and 2011 Hyundai Sonata	Air bags may be disabled during crash	16-MAR-2018	
PE18-004	2011-2016 Freightliner Cascadia	PNDB Electrical Power Distribution	23-APR-2018	
PE18-007	2013 Ford Escape 1.6L GTDI	Loss of Motive Power	16-JUL-2018	
PE18-010	2015-2016 Ford E-350/E-450 Buses	Internal Transmission Failure	21-AUG-2018	
PE18-011	2017 Super Duty F-250 and F-350	Power tailgate opens uncommanded	12-OCT-2018	
PE18-012	2014-2016 GM Pickups / SUVs (K2XX Platform, 1500 Series)	Brake Vacuum Pump Failure	20-NOV-2018	
PE18-013	MY 2013 Nissan Altima	Rear Suspension Control Arm Failure	01-DEC-2018	
PE18-014	2012 - 2014 MY Range Rover Evoque	Loss of Brake Power Assist	01-DEC-2018	
PE18-015	2011 - 16 Navistar IC school buses with AM Safe lap belts	Lap seat belts fail to latch	17-DEC-2018	
PE18-016	Model year 2015 -2016 Ram 2500 Pickup Truck	Steering loss due to linkage separation	17-DEC-2018	
PE19-001	2004 - 2005 Cadillac XLR	Roof Skin Separation	01-FEB-2019	
PE19-002	2018 - 2019 K-1600	Steering Oscillation	25-MAR-2019	
PE19-003	2011-2014 Hyundai Sonata and Sante Fe	Non-crash Vehicle Fires	29-MAR-2019	
PE19-004	2011-2014 Kia Optima and Sorento; and 2010-2015 Kia Soul	Non-crash Vehicle Fires	29-MAR-2019	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT				
RECALL QUERY				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
RQ16-001	2015-2016 Ford F-150	Brake Failure	28-SEP-2016	
RQ17-002	2006 - 2007 GMT360 / 370 & Lacrosse (see list in Summary)	Loss of Headlights	24-APR-2017	
RQ17-003	Vehicles subject to Recall No. 17V-224	Scope and Timeliness	18-MAY-2017	
RQ17-004	Vehicles subject to Recalls No. 15V-568 and 17V-226.	Scope and Timeliness	18-MAY-2017	
RQ17-010	2011-2013 Ford F-150, Ford Expedition and Lincoln Navigator	Unexpected Transmission Downshift	25-DEC-2017	
RQ18-002	2010-2016 (Exclude 2013) Equinox and Terrain	Windshield Wiper Failure	02-NOV-2018	

MONTHLY DEFECT INVESTIGATION REPORT				
DEFECT/RECALL PETITION				
Action#	MMY	Subject	Date Opened	Date Closed
DP13-001	2004-2009 Toyota Prius	Steering intermediate shaft failure	21-FEB-2013	
DP18-001	Certain 2001-04 Isuzu Rodeo, Isuzu Axiom and Honda Passport	Fuel Tank Retention Failure	23-MAY-2018	
DP18-002	2002-2006 Toyota 4Runner	Frame Corrosion	17-AUG-2018	
DP18-003	2011-2014 Kia Optima/Sorento and Hyundai Sonata/Santa Fe	Non-crash Fires	21-AUG-2018	
DP18-004	2018 Jeep Wrangler	Frame Weld Deficiencies	16-NOV-2018	

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.

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