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		OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)		Daytime Telephone Number		E-mail Address	
Name		Address		City PORT ARTHUR		State TX Zip Code	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? (In the absence of an address to the vehicle manufacturer, NHTSA will mail a copy of this report to the manufacturer.)		Signature of Owner		Date 3/23/06		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	
VEHICLE INFORMATION							
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 4S2CK8BW				Make ISUZU		Model RODEO	
Date Purchased 01-SEP-02		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number JK CHEVROLET				Model Year 2000	
Original Owner <input type="checkbox"/>		Dealer's City NEDERLAND		State TX Zip Code		Engine: No. Cylinders 6 Fuel Type: Gas	
Transmission Type AUTOMATIC		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control		Powertrain FRONT WHEEL DRIVE		Vehicle Component Code 110000 ELECTRICAL SYSTEM	
Multiple Failure: 1							
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION							
Incident Date(s) 29-JAN-2006		Failure Mileage 85000		Failure Speed			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE							
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)			Tire Size (Example P215/B5R15)		
DOT No. (Example: DOTM18ABCD38)		<input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair		Failure Location			
Tire Component Code				Tire Failure Type			
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE							
Make:		Date Manufactured:		Model No./Name:			
Seat Type:		Installation System:					
Child Seat Component Code:				Failed Part:			
APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION (Please describe to detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).)							
Crash <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		Fire <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		Number of Persons Injured 0		Number of Deaths 0	
Reported to Police Y							
Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies). Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).							
DT: THE CONTACT STATED THE VEHICLE CAUGHT FIRE WHILE DRIVING. THE VEHICLE WAS JUST FILLED WITH FUEL, WHILE STOPPING AT A STOP LIGHT THE VEHICLE BEGAN TO HESITATE AS IF IT WERE GOING TO STALL. THE FIRE WAS FIRST NOTICED FROM THE PASSENGER SIDE FRONT. BASED ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENTS INVESTIGATION THE FIRE STARTED FROM THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. HOWEVER, AN ARSON INVESTIGATOR WAS CONTACTED WHO DETERMINED THE FIRE WAS ELECTRICAL AND STARTED FROM AN ELECTRICAL BOX LOCATED NEAR THE BATTERY. THE VEHICLE WAS TOTALED AS A RESULT OF THE INCIDENT. THE POLICE WERE ALERTED BUT DID NOT ARRIVE ON THE SCENE.							
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.				ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY			
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-578 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.							

1:06

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
PORT ARTHUR FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE / ARSON DIVISION
CASE NUMBER : M015-06

OFFENSE TITLE / INCIDENT VEHICLE FIRE		NO. OF () INJURIES () FATALITIES	
LOCATION OF OFFENSE [REDACTED]		NAME OF BUSINESS WALGREENS (NOT INVOLVED)	
(X) OWN () BUY () RENT	DATE AND TIME OCCURRED 1-29-06 / 1309	DATE AND TIME REPORTED 1-29-06 / 1309	
ORIGIN (S) ENGINE COMPARTMENT		CAUSE: INCENDIARY () ACCIDENTAL (X) SUSPICIOUS ()	MOTIVE
STRUCTURE EST. LOSS	VEHICLE EST. LOSS \$8000	CONTENT EST. LOSS \$200	OTHER EST. LOSS
TOTAL EST. LOSS \$8200			
FACTORS OF KNIGHT (TYPE INSTRUMENT, WEAPON, OR FORCE USED) ELECTRICITY, FIRE, COMBUSTIBLES			
PROPERTY CLASS: →	() PR () APT. () BUL () INSTT. () STREET	(X) VEHICLE () OTHER	
STATUS: →	(X) OCCUPIED () VACANT () ABANDONED	() UNDER REPAIRS	
UTILITIES PRESENT: →	(X) ELECTRICAL () NATURAL GAS	() WATER	
COMPLAINANT (X) OWNER (X) OCCUPANT (X)	[REDACTED]	DOB	AGE RACE SEX
ADDRESS	RES. PHONE [REDACTED]	BUS. PHONE	WITNESS: () YES () NO
REPORTER	[REDACTED]	DOB	AGE RACE SEX
ADDRESS	RES. PHONE	BUS. PHONE	WITNESS: () YES () NO
INSURANCE COMPANY SOUTHERN FARM BUREAU CASUALTIES	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	
INSURANCE AGENT DALE SATCHER	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE [REDACTED]	
ID OFFICER WONDERS	ID NUMBER 7022	EVIDENCE: () YES (X) NO	PHOTOS: (X) YES () NO
WEATHER: (X) CLEAR () RAINING () FOG () PARTLY CLOUDY () OTHER			
LIGHTING: (X) DAYLIGHT () DARKNESS () DAWN/DUSK () WITH LIGHTS			
ACTOR () ARRESTED (X) NONE () IDENTIFIED () DESCRIBED () UNKNOWN	WITNESSES (X) TO CRIME / INCIDENT () KNOW ACTOR () FAMILY MEMBER () NONE	EVIDENCE () SUPPORTS CASE () SUPPORTS WITNESS () ID'S ACTOR () TRACEABLE PROPERTY	MISCELLANEOUS VICTIM WILL FILE CHARGES () YES (X) NO CRIME PATTERN INDICATED () YES (X) NO SIGNIFICANT M. O. () YES (X) NO

INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
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SYNOPSIS: ON SUNDAY, 1-29-06, I, OFFICER WONDERS RESPONDED TO A VEHICLE FIRE AT 4930 GULFWAY TO PERFORM AN INVESTIGATION. UPON ARRIVAL THE FIRE WAS OUT AND THE ENGINE COMPANY BRIEFED ME ON WHAT HAPPENED. THEY LEFT AND I BEGAN INVESTIGATING THE SCENE AND TAKING PHOTOGRAPHS. THE DRIVER WAS HEADING SOUTHBOUND ON JEFFERSON DRIVE WHEN SHE SAW SMOKE COMING OUT OF THE HOOD TOWARDS THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE CORNER. SHE THEN PULLED THE VEHICLE INTO THE PARKING LOT AT WALGREENS (4930 GULFWAY) EXITED THE VEHICLE, AND CALLED THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AFTER LOOKING INSIDE AND OUT OF THE VEHICLE I NOTICED THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT. THE REPORT OF OFFICER [REDACTED] REPORTS TO THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO THE [REDACTED] A MAN INCLUDED IN MY REPORT CLAIMS TO HAVE DAMAGE TO HIS VEHICLE AS WELL AS THE CLOTHES INSIDE THE VEHICLE AT THE TIME OF THE FIRE. SEE SUPPLEMENT. THE FIRE WAS CAUSED DUE TO [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

SUPPLEMENT: YES NO

REPORT MADE BY WONDERS	ID NUMBER 7022	DATE AND TIME 1-29-06 / 1506	APPROVED BY

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1986 Isuzu I MARK Recall ID from NHTSA: 87V071000

Auto Recall Date: 05/27/1987

Vehicle Components:

Estimated Vehicles Affected: 28509

1986 ISUZU I-MARK Defect Summary:

Defect Consequences:

Remedy:

A FUEL VENTILATION HOSE KIT WILL BE INSTALLED TO PREVENT FUEL FROM ESCAPING INTO THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT IF THE FUEL PUMP DIAPHRAGM LEAKS AND THEREBY REDUCE THE POSSIBILITY OF AN UNDERHOOD FIRE.

Notes: ISUZU MOTORS LIMITED,

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2001 Isuzu Rodeo Sport Base Recall ID from NHTSA: 00V296000

Recall Date: 10/05/2000

Component: **[REDACTED]**
Potential Units Affected: 3052

Summary:

Defect Consequences:

Remedy: DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE VEHICLE TO DETERMINE IF THE VEHICLE WAS EQUIPPED WITH HOSE. IF IT IS INCORRECT, DEALERS WILL REPLACE IT.
Notes: ISUZU MOTORS LIMITED,

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2003 Isuzu Rodeo Sport Base Recall

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2003 Isuzu Rodeo Sport Base Recall ID from NHTSA: 05V466000

Recall Date: 10/07/2005

Component:

Potential Units Affected: 15515

Summary:

Defect Consequences:

Remedy: FOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN THE STATES IDENTIFIED ABOVE, DEALERS WILL PROVIDE OVER THE EXISTING FEED PORT ON THE FUEL PUMP OR, IF THE EXISTING FEED PORT HAS ALREADY BEEN REPLACED, DEALERS WILL INSTALL A NEW FUEL PUMP THAT IS EQUIPPED WITH THE NEW COVER. THE NEW COVER IS MADE OF A DIFFERENT MATERIAL. THE RECALL BEGAN ON NOVEMBER 25, 2005. OWNERS MAY CONTACT 255-6727.

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Highway Vehicle Fires

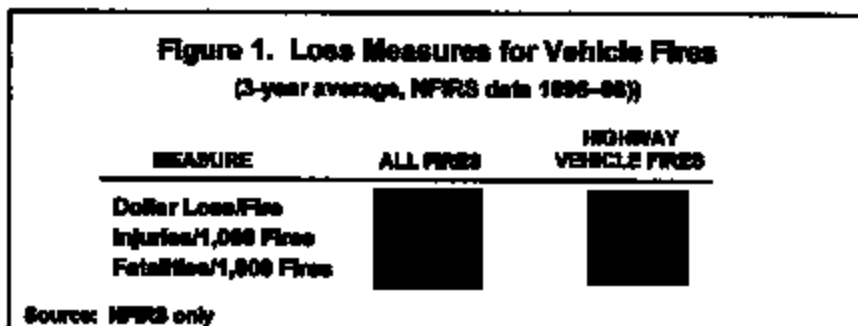
FINDINGS

- One in every four fire department responses is to a vehicle fire. This does not include the tens of thousands of responses to vehicle accident sites.

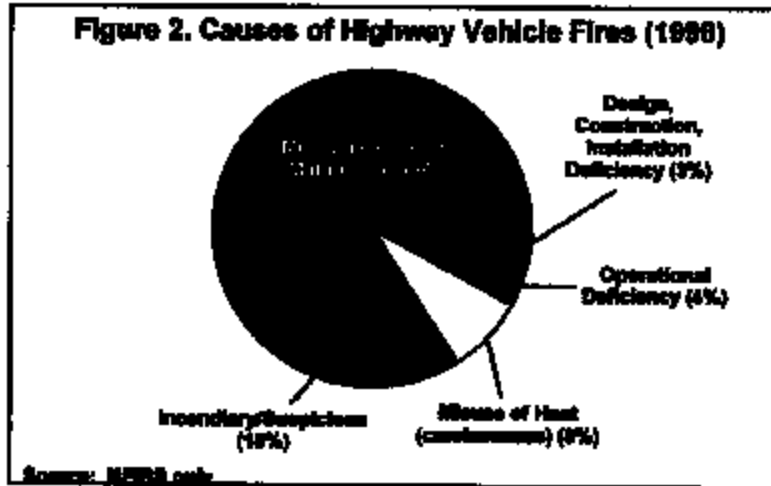
- Fires following a collision are the leading cause of vehicle deaths.

Source: NFPA and NFIRS

This report addresses the characteristics of 1998 highway vehicle fires. Data are from the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS). Figure 1 compares losses from vehicle fires with those of all reported fires averaged over a 3-year period (1996-98).



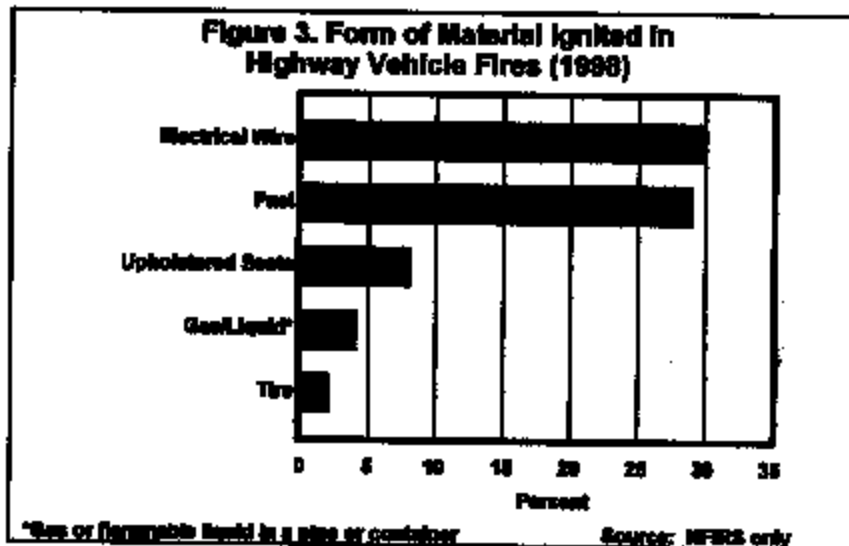
In 1998, nearly 50% of all fire department responses were for fires in residential properties. Two-thirds of these fires were caused by electrical problems (Figure 2), such as broken floor mats, faulty wiring, overloaded electrical circuits, blown fuses, and overloading.



Arson is the second leading cause of vehicle fires at 18%. Many automobile fires are not investigated for possible arson, although some insurance companies privately investigate obvious cases. Arson fires reported to NFIRS, therefore, may be undercounted.

Carelessness (human act) accounts for 8% of highway vehicle fires. Examples of carelessness include cigarettes dropped on the upholstery; distractions while driving, such as eating or cell phone use; parking over dry leaves with a hot catalytic converter; and misuse of flammable liquids, especially gasoline, while servicing or maintaining the car.

Figure 3 shows the form of material ignited in highway vehicle fires. Electrical wire is the most common material ignited, followed by fuel. Upholstered seats, gas/liquid, and tires are also common materials ignited.



Most highway vehicle fire deaths (64%) are the result of a collision. Determining the cause of death following a collision, however, is often difficult. Was the death the direct result of the collision or the fire that ensued? A fire fatality should be counted only if a person was trapped and killed by the fire, rather than killed on impact and subsequently exposed to the fire.

The contributing factor (or condition preventing escape) in 68% of vehicle fire deaths was either rapid fire progression (51%) or that the victim was incapacitated prior to ignition (16%).

Collisions are only the third leading ignition factor for injuries. The leading factor is mechanical/design failures (43%). Carelessness (or human act) accounts for 30% of highway vehicle injuries.

Forty-five percent of persons injured in a vehicle fire were injured while attempting to control the fire. An additional 21% were injured trying to escape the blaze. A fraction (11%) of the injured were incapacitated prior to ignition.

EXAMPLES

- A minivan caught fire after an explosion inside the vehicle. Gas leaked from a propane tank that had just been filled, and the driver lit a cigarette.²
- In Howell Township, New Jersey, a car struck with a small propane tank. The tank was struck by a tree limb and a fire was started. The driver was killed. The car was destroyed.³
- A pickup pulled into high weeds. The hot catalytic converter started a fire in the weeds that quickly engulfed the car. Two babies in car seats were trapped inside, but were rescued by firefighters.⁴

For further information, contact your local fire department or the USFA.

NOTES:

1. Since Highway Vehicles is a major property class, the national estimates are based only on the National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA) annual survey, *Fire Loss in the United States*.
2. *Firehouse Magazine*, September 1998.
3. *Freewood Acres Fire Company Incident Report*, February 2000.
4. "Fireworks Keep Texas Firefighters Busy," *Firehouse Magazine*, July 2000.

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To Whom it May Concern:

I have taken out the time to not only forward the arson investigator's report, but also to print "some" items off the internet that I feel are relevant to this situation (it would take me days to print all the material on Isuzu's malfunctions).

Isuzu has tried to blame Consumer Affairs for their decrease in sales, but the proof shows that they have recurrent malfunctions resulting in fires. This is not just with their Rodeos (which is what I had), but with their other vehicles as well. I have also recently found out that they are no longer making Rodeos and from personal experience I believe it is because they can't manufacture a product that won't catch on fire and also because they won't stand behind their product (they won't even investigate the situation).

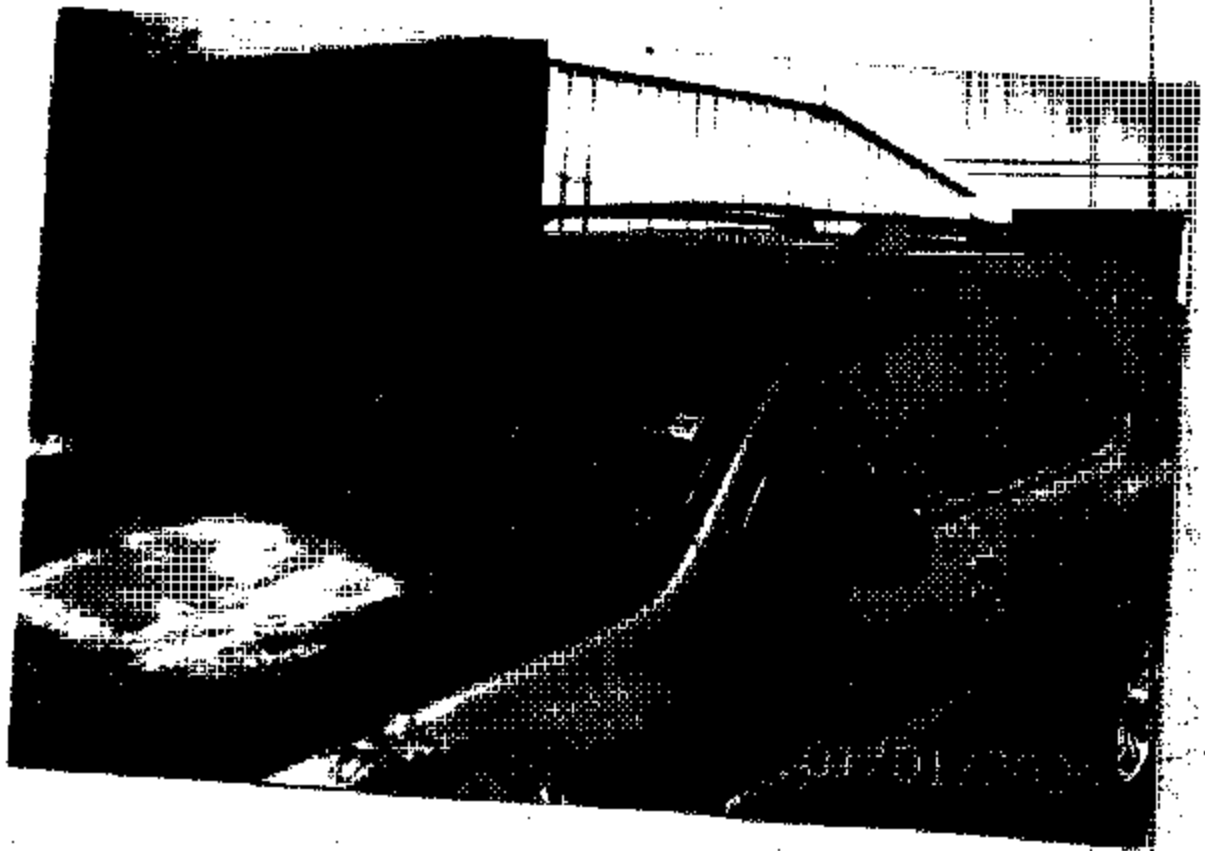
I have filed complaints with the Better Business Bureau (Isuzu is not even a member, nor did they respond to my complaint), Consumer Affairs, Isuzu, Consumer Protection Office, Federal Trade Commission, Freedom of Information Act, CarTalk.com, and you. How many complaints is it going to take or how many fatalities is it going to take before this issue is addressed?

Please do not take this the wrong way, I am grateful that I got out unharmed and that I still have my life, but I also had to come out of pocket with money in which I was not at fault!

For me and for those people out there that have been in a similar situation and just don't know what action to take, I hope you can find a way to make Isuzu take responsibility for their "negligence" and allow me to put some closure to this situation.

Sincerely,







01/01/1988



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