

 U.S. Department of Transportation National Highway Traffic Safety Administration		INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(6) DOT Auto Safety Hotline Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 1-888-DASH-2-DOT (1-888-327-4236) INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)		Date Received 08-NOV-2013		Repository ☐ Reference No. 10551555	
Name [REDACTED]		Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]		E-mail Address	
Address [REDACTED]		Evening Telephone Number			
City WALKILL	State NY	Zip Code [REDACTED]			
The information you provide will be used to identify potential safety-related defects. We may share your information with the applicable vehicle manufacturer during an investigation or recall in accordance with the routine uses described in the agency's Privacy Act notice. See 49 FR 53971 (Sep. 3, 2004).					
VEHICLE INFORMATION					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side 3D7LS38C75G[REDACTED]		Make DODGE		Model RAM 3500	
				Model Year 2005	
Date Purchased 7/22/2005	Dealer's Name and Telephone Number YOUNG'S MOTORS (845) 795-2111		Engine: No: Cylinders		Fuel Type: DIESEL
Original Owner ☒	Dealer's City MILTON	State N.Y.	Zip Code 12547		
Transmission Type AUTO	☒ Antilock Brakes ☒ Cruise Control	Powertrain 4X4		Multiple Failure:	
				Incident Date(s) 07-OCT-2013	
FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION					
Vehicle Component Code: ENGINE (PWS)				Failure Mileage 89000	Failure Speed 0
ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE					
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036)		☐ Original Equipment ☐ 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 in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury(ies).)					
Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No		Fire ☒ Yes ☐ No		Number of Persons Injured 0	Number of Deaths 0
				Reported to Police N	
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).					
TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2005 DODGE RAM 3500. THE CONTACT STATED THAT WHILE PARKED, THE VEHICLE BECAME ENGULFED IN FLAMES. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WAS CALLED AND A REPORT WAS FILED. THE MANUFACTURER WAS MADE AWARE OF THE FAILURE AND HAD AN ENGINEER INSPECT THE VEHICLE. THE ENGINEER DETERMINED THAT THE FIRE BEGAN IN THE ENGINE COMPARTMENT DUE TO THE BATTERY. THE VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED. THE APPROXIMATE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 89,000.					
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY					
The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 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.					

April 25, 2014

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Wallkill, N.Y. [REDACTED]

Mr. Randy Reid
Correspondence Research Division
Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Dear Randy Reid:

Reference: **Safety Related Defects.**

Enclosed are pertinent information documents that support my claim of a manufacturing defect that caused the incident on 10/07/2013. The vehicle was totaled salvage. There was no comprehensive insurance on the vehicle at time of incident. At the dealership (Young's Motors) where I purchased the vehicle new on 07/22/2005, they valued the truck at \$23,000.00 before the incident occurred. This incident is a **worriment**. This incident would have been devastating if my 3 year old grand daughter was buckled in her car seat at that time! Please bring Chrysler Corporation into being responsible and monetary credit me for my loss. I will consider informing the television media, Eyewitness News 7 On Your Side Investigative Reports if need be. Thank you for your concern in this matter.

Very Truly Yours,
[REDACTED]

**ULSTER COUNTY FIRE INVESTIGATION UNIT
INVESTIGATIVE REPORT
SHORT FORM**

Date of Alarm: 10/07/13 **Time of Alarm:** 19:15 **Incident #:** 56J100713

Incident Location: [REDACTED] Plattekill, NY

Latitude:

Longitude:

Estimated Amount of Damage: 30% Engine Compartment

Fire District: Plattekill

Officer in Charge: Chief Ralph Davis

Investigators: Jim Bales 56J

Investigator doing Report: 56J (short only)

Photographs: None

Police Agency Requested: Plattekill (by owner)

Investigator: PO Walsh, PO Wolper

Property Owner:

Owner Address:

City, State, Zip: Wallkill, New York

Insurance Company or Agent: Farm Family

Occupant:None

Property Status: Parked

FIRE CAUSE INFORMATION

Origin: Engine Compartment (front)

Area of Damage: Engine Compartment

Classification: Undetermined (possibly electrical)

Conclusion: Fire originated in vehicle engine compartment right side after being parked in driveway approximately two days. Vehicle equipped with aftermarket plow assembly. Approximately 80,000 miles per owner.

VIN Number: 3D7LS38C75G

NY License:

Cause of fire is possible high resistance heating in electrical system right side battery area.

Signature: Jim Bales - IAAI-CFI, NYS-CFI

56 J

Date: 10/07/2013

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PLATTEKILL TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT
CASE REPORTDate 10/20/2013
Time 19:43:26Page
KCRRCase Number : 2013-00003916
Description : Fire / Vehicle

ORI # : NY0556100 PLATT P

Case Details :

Location . . . : [REDACTED] Reported . . . : 10/07/2013 19:25
Occurred From: 10/07/2013 19:24
Area/Section : Plattkil T / PLATTEKILL Grid : Occurred Thru: 10/07/2013 19:24

Reporting Officer : 120 - WOLPERT, SCOTT OFFIC Scene Processed by: -
Assigned Bureau : Patrol Significant Event :

Case Status . . . : Closed 10/07/2013 Disposition . . . : Closed/PFD 10/07/2013

No. of Offenses . . : 0 No. of Offenders : 0 No. of Victims . . : 1

Offenses :

Subjects : (Current Information)

Subject Type	No.	Subject Name	Primary	Phone Number	D.O.B.
Complainant	1	[REDACTED]	YES Home	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

WALLKILL, NY [REDACTED]

At Occur :

Race : White Sex : Male Ethnicity . . . :

Resident Type : Sinfam Resident Status: Resident Statement Type : Verbal
Disposition . : Condition . . : Normal

Complainant	2	[REDACTED]	YES Home	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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PLATTEKILL, NY [REDACTED]

At Occur :

Race : White Sex : Female Ethnicity . . . :

Resident Type : Sinfam Resident Status: Resident Statement Type : Verbal
Disposition . : Condition . . : Normal

Informational	1	BALES, JAMES, INVESTIGATOR, ULSTER COUNTY FIRE COORDINATOR KINGSTON, NY 12401	NO Home	845-255-6236	07/18/53
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At Occur :

Race : White Sex : Male Ethnicity . . . :

Resident Type : Sinfam Resident Status: Resident Statement Type : Verbal
Disposition . : Condition . . : Normal

Informational	1	[REDACTED]	YES Home	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
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WALLKILL, NY [REDACTED]

At Occur :

Race : White Sex : Male Ethnicity . . . : Non His
Height : 6'02" Weight : Build :
Hair : Brown Eyes : Hazel Complexion . . . :

PLATTEKILL TOWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

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CASE REPORT

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KCRR

Case Number : 2013-00003916
Description : Fire / Vehicle

ORI # : NY0556100 PLATT PL

Resident Type : Sinfam
Disposition . . :

Resident Status: Resident
Condition . . . : Normal

Statement Type : Verbal

Informational 2

YES Home

WALKKILL, NY

At Occur :

Race : White

Sex : Female

Ethnicity . . . :

Resident Type : Sinfam
Disposition . . :

Resident Status: Resident
Condition . . . : Normal

Statement Type : Verbal

Suspect 1 UNKNOWN,,,

YES Home

At Occur :

Race : Unknown

Sex : Unknown

Ethnicity . . . :

Aliases :

Type	Name	Race	Sex	D.O.B.
aka	UNK,,,			
aka	UNK CALLER,,,			
aka	UNKNOWN ADULT,,,			
aka	UNKNOWN CALLER,,,			
aka	UNKNOWN FEMALE,,,			
aka	UNKNOWN JUVENILE,,,			
aka	UNKNOWN MALE,,,			

Arrests :

Suspect Vehicles :

Property :

Itm	Prop Type	Prop Code	Prop Class	Off #	Subj Type	Unit Value	Tag #	Rec Dat
1	Burned	PICK	Autos		Victim	15,000.00		10/07/20

Description : 2005 DODGE PICKUP

Policy Number :

Insurance Comp : insurance

Make : Dodge

Model : PU 2500

Style : Pickup

Vehicle Year . . : 2005

Condition . . . : Burned

Mileage :

License # . . . :

State : NY

Expires :

VIN # : 3D7LS38C75G

Engine # :

Incident Narrative :

Dispatch Narrative

C/P REQUESTING PD TO SCENE-BELEIVES THE VEHICLE FIRE TO BE 19:26:15
SUSPICIOUS-HAS NOT MOVED HER VEHICLE RECENTLY 19:26:25
7F359 UNITS BIS 20:39:47

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Description : Fire / Vehicle

ORI # : NY0556100 PLATT F

Last Latitude for incident: 41.6176380
Last Longitude for incident: - 74.0634300Case Narrative :(120) Incident Narrative

Dispatched to assist fire department for a vehicle fire in a driveway. Caller was not the fire department but [REDACTED] who lives at that address. Upon arrival Plattekill fire department had the fire out. Fire chief stated that [REDACTED] called 911 and requested police because the vehicle that had caught on fire had been sitting in the driveway unused since Saturday. I spoke to the vehicle owner, [REDACTED] father [REDACTED]. He stated he parked the vehicle Saturday afternoon and he hasn't touched it since. Fire investigator James Bales from Ulster County arrived on scene and conducted his investigation. PO Jim Walsh interviewed the neighbors and both stated they saw the fire and called 911 but did not see or hear anyone in the area. James Bales stated that he will rule this fire "UNDETERMINE". He could not find any signs of Arson, nor could he find any signs of accidental fire. He stated the fire started under the hood on the vehicle's right side where the battery is. Vehicle was not towed and it remained at the residence as per the owner's requests.



Customer Claims Resolution Group

October 11, 2013

[REDACTED]
WALLKILL, NY [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting Chrysler Group LLC regarding your 2005 DODGE RAM 3500 SLT QUAD CAB 4X4, VIN: 3D7LS38C75G [REDACTED]. We are currently in the process of reviewing your file. Our records, at this time, indicate the following information regarding your vehicle:

CAIR Number:	24045311
Current Owner:	[REDACTED]
Purchased Used:	NO
Date of Purchase:	07/22/2005
Incomplete Recalls:	NONE

If any of this information requires updating, please notify us. Additionally, we expect to inform you of our decision within the next 12 business days. If you do not hear from us by then, please contact us (toll free) at: 1-888-922-7329.

Additionally, this letter is also to inform you that Chrysler Group LLC most likely will conduct an inspection of your vehicle. This inspection may entail gathering information from the vehicle by imaging vehicle's onboard computer systems. This letter confirms your consent to allow Chrysler Group LLC and its representatives to inspect your vehicle and, if necessary, image the vehicle's onboard computer systems. As we proceed with our review, one of our representatives may need to contact you for additional information about your vehicle.

Note: If you have already settled with your insurance company, please notify us immediately at our 1-888-922-7329 (toll free) number.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Customer Claims Resolution Group
Office of the General Counsel



Customer Claims Resolution Group

October 21, 2013

Via U.S. Mail

[REDACTED]

Wallkill NY [REDACTED]

Re: 2005 Dodge Ram 3500 Slt Quad Cab 4x4 VIN: 3D7LS38C75G [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting Chrysler Group LLC and raising concerns that you have with the above referenced vehicle.

Chrysler Group LLC conducted an investigation into the incident and inspected the vehicle. The inspector found no indication of a manufacturing defect that caused or contributed to the incident on 10/07/2013.

Thank you again for raising your concerns with Chrysler Group LLC.

Very truly yours,

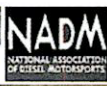
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5.9 Liter CR Dodge Cummins 03-07 Discussion of 5.9 Liter Dodge Cummins Diesels with Common Rail Injection

POST REPLY

08-13-2013, 07:00 AM

Diesel Fan

My truck burn down...

During I was away for my 2 weeks hollyday my 2004 cummins catch fire in my driveway and is a total lost. I am really sad about that and I wonder how it catch fire just standing there in the driveway, it dont run for 8 days before it catch fire. That truck was in a good shape and I just put 2000\$ bucks in upgrade (lift kit, custom made control arm, custom made track bar, ball joints, steering bar, stainless 4 inch exhaust...) The insurance say that it's no problem I am covered for fire, I beleive I am going to get around 16 000\$ for my truck. What I should do, found another 5.9l cummins or upgrade to a 6.7l cummins, my wife own a 2006 5.9l MegaCab. I am affraid of the 6.7, I dont no this engine really well, I do all my mecanic and I dont want to get a truck that I cant fix. Is the 6.7 is as good as the 5.9, the 6 speed transmission is it good, whats about the parts, is it available and cheap like the 5.9 or not. The 5.9 is a icon engine that I like but new thecnologie can be better some time. I dont want to do lots of upgrade, just some good stuff (better lift pump, 3 inch lift kit, stronger front end, shock, exhaust...) I use the truck for daily ride and to pull my trailer with my tractor, about 8500 poudns.

Thanks for your info.

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08-13-2013, 06:18 PM

#2


Diesel Enthusiast
Status: Sig

Join Date: Aug 2010
Location: Montgomery, Alabama
My Diesel: 98 Dodge 4x4 24v
Casino Cash: \$80300
Posts: 180
Threads: 50
iTrader: (0)

How you [Cummins](#) truck catch fire just standing there in driveway?
I wonder how it catch fire just standing there in the driveway when don't run for 8 days before catch fire?
Looks like someone no like you. Maybe Arson?


Sig:
98'24v 4x4 5sp Stock

08-13-2013, 06:54 PM

#3


Diesel Fan

Join Date: Mar 2011
Location: Canada
My Diesel: 2004 Cummins
Casino Cash: \$13450
Posts: 35
Threads: 12
iTrader: (0)

I cant figure out how it catch fire. total mistery. Cops are doing investigation but they think it's not a criminal fire. I guest if somebody want to put my truck in fire it do it at night time, the truck burn around lunch time.

08-13-2013, 07:07 PM

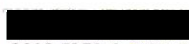
#4

I love the smell
of Diesel Fuel in
the morning!


Moderator
Status: KILL the DOG END the RABIES

Join Date: May 2008
Location: MIAMI, FLORIDA
My Diesel: 2008 F250 6.4PSD
Casino Cash: \$3228270
Posts: 29,808
Threads: 336
iTrader: (0)

[FORD](#) MUSTANG were know for fires, happened to my dad 🙄 I would stick with the 5.9 cause it doesn't have a DPF


2008 F250 6.4PSD SUPERCAB LONG-BED 2WD
2003 SUZUKI VINSON 500 4X4

08-14-2013, 06:05 AM

#5

Diesel Fan

Join Date: Mar 2011
Location: Canada
My Diesel: 2004 Cummins
Casino Cash: \$13450
Posts: 35
Threads: 12
iTrader: (0)

DPF look to be a big problem on th 6.7.

08-14-2013, 08:34 AM

#6



1965

Diesel Bomber

Status: After i got my [license plate](#) nobody wants to Play???



Join Date: Dec 2008
Location: Escondido CA
My Diesel: 06 cummins 3500
Casino Cash: \$151872
Posts: 1,137
Threads: 41
iTrader: (0)

Thank you for the early morning laugh! 🙏 Does me proud to see how well our public schools are teaching the kids! Besides that stick with the 5.9.

Goodies so far S&B intake, Silver bullet 64, AFE Stainless steel manifold, 90hp sticks, Head studs, 5" exhaust, SMARTY SSR, Airdog 150, 1/2" big Line kit, Guttled lift pump housing with draw straw Mod, T&C diesel CP-3, MP-8 at Half power, Custom intake with heater grid delete High Ram Intake, Built tranny, More guages than can be expected! 225 70r 19.5 tires at 80psi nitrous for laughs! 🙏

08-14-2013, 09:35 AM

#7

BigSilverBullet

Diesel Fan



Join Date: Aug 2012
Location: Payson, Utah
My Diesel: 2004 Dodge Cummins
Casino Cash: \$13600
Posts: 30
Threads: 2
iTrader: (0)

Well dangerous1965 I guess it's a good thing he is from Canada and it doesn't reflect on our school systems. 🙏

2004 Dodge 2500 4 Door Long bed Silver
Edge Juice W/ ATT CS
AFE intake, Magnaflo Exhaust cat delete
Leveled up, HID's, Toyo MT's on American Racing Teflon coated black wheels

08-14-2013, 11:24 AM

#8

articcummins

Diesel Fan

Join Date: Mar 2011
Location: Canada
My Diesel: 2004 Cummins
Casino Cash: \$13450
Posts: 35
Threads: 12
iTrader: (0)

Originally Posted by [dangerous1965](#)

Thank you for the early morning laugh! 🤔 Does me proud to see how well our public schools are teaching the kids! Besides that stick with the 5.9.

I am happy I make you laugh, sorry but english is not my first language...



08-14-2013, 10:17 PM

#9



Diesel Enthusiast

Status: Where o where art thou dollars....

Join Date: Nov 2007

Location: Alberta

My Diesel: 93 & 07 5.9 cummins

Casino Cash: \$121835

Posts: 295

Threads: 12

iTrader: (0)

French?



2007 SRW 3500 Mega - 35" bald azz toyo mt's, Levelling Kit, Bilstein 5100's, Flo-Pro 5" SS TBE to 4" duals with 6" tips 18" long, AFE intake tube with amsoil filter, Airdog II 165, Smoked ebay headlights, HID's.....that's it for on the truck.



08-15-2013, 12:32 AM

#10



dangerous1965

Diesel Bomber

Status: After I got my License plate nobody wants to Play???



Join Date: Dec 2008

Location: Escondido CA

My Diesel: 06 cummins 3500

Casino Cash: \$151872

Posts: 1,137

Threads: 41

iTrader: (0)

English and French are the mains up there! Sorry I didn't know you where French speaking! But I have seen a few kids on this site with a third no first grade language ability! 🤔



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Battery Cable Problems in popular cars

Battery Cable problem is a common vehicle problem that happens to most car brands and models. The following is a sample list of Battery Cable problems reported in most popular vehicles.

Battery Cable problem of Chevrolet Tahoe

The VIN of the car is 1GNFK13037. There was crash involved with this problem. The vehicle involved is a 2007 Chevrolet Tahoe. The contact stated that the electrical system failed, which caused the vehicle to stall. The contact also stated that while parked, the vehicle rolled away and crashed into another vehicle. The vehicle was taken to a dealer where it was confirmed that the battery cables failed and needed to be replaced. The contact requisitioned a third party to repair the vehicle but the failure recurred. The vehicle was not repaired. The manufacturer was contacted and informed the contact that the vehicle was not included in NHTSA campaign I. D. Number 10v240000 (electrical system). The failure mileage was 60,000. This problem occurred on Fri., Oct. 12, 2007.

See [all problems of Chevrolet Tahoe](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Chevrolet Tahoe](#).

Battery Cable problem of Chevrolet Tahoe

The vehicle having this issue was a 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe. I can be going down the highway running 65-70 mph and the reduced engine power light will come on and reduces my speed to 10 mph! I pull over, disconnect the battery cable and replace it, then I could continue for another week or so. Finally, I left the diagnostic computer in my truck and was able to capture the code p1125. The mechanic said to replace the throttle body. That was done in October. It ran fine for a while, but it started doing it again. The throttle body was replaced again! now, two months later, it's doing it again! no one can seem to fix the problem. Meanwhile, I am a female who travels the highways everyday going back and forth to work and I have been in several dangerous situations due to this problem that will not stop! as of now, I can not drive my truck and having to rely on carpooling again until it's fixed for the third time in the past 6 months. It also appears that several people are having the same problem with no results. Someone is going to get killed if this is not addressed soon! This battery cable problem happened on 10/16/11.

See [all problems of Chevrolet Tahoe](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Chevrolet Tahoe](#).

Battery Cable problem of Chrysler 300

Forwarded from the us product safety commission - letter to the president from consumer re 2005 Chrysler 300-c srt-8 recall. The consumer stated her soon took the vehicle to the car wash. After leaving the car wash and traveling less than 50 feet, the vehicle filled with smoke. Her son immediately pulled over, as it burst into flames from under the dashboard. The fire department had to be called to put out the fire. The consumers son located a recall # 04v334000. The consumer then contacted Chrysler regarding the recall and they claimed they knew nothing about it. She was assigned a case number and was told someone would contact her. After not hearing from Chrysler after three weeks, the consumer called Chrysler, where she was informed a report would be sent to special investigations immediately. Days later, an inspection representative from an independent company went to the consumers house to look at the vehicle. On April 11, 2012, the consumer received a call from Chrysler's lawyer stating they would handle all of the expenses involving the vehicle. Once the vehicle was towed to the dealer, the lawyer was contacted and given the assessment of the damage and the costs involved, Chrysler then stated they would not pay for the repairs. The dealer informed the consumer, the fire did extensive damage, and it would cost more to fix the vehicle, than what it was worth and was considered totaled. This battery cable problem happened on 03/07/2012.

See [all problems of Chrysler 300](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Chrysler 300](#).

Battery Cable problem of Chrysler Town & Country

The vehicle is a 2008 Chrysler town and country. While waiting on my husband to run in a store I was sitting in the van engine running. I touched nothing and the van went off. The doors locked, wipers, cleaning fluid, horn and it was scary. My husband released the hood and disconnected the battery cable. We could not start van without all going off again. We called a tow and van taken to auto repair shop. They checked it out and said it needed a new safety electronic component. They said van was too dangerous to drive, and it would take 3 months for the part. It is now in our garage with battery disconnected. This is our only way of transportation and what are we to do now? how are we to get to appointments, grocery and whatever? ## VIN passed ## Chrysler van 2008/town & country ##. This problem occurred on Thu., Jul. 19, 2012.

See [all problems of Chrysler Town & Country](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Chrysler Town & Country](#).

Battery Cable problem of Dodge Ram 3500

The VIN of this vehicle is 3D6WG48D57. My 2007 Dodge Ram 3500 suddenly lost all electrical and engine power when slowing for a red light on us274 lane at somerset, ky. I was towing a equipment trailer and was able to steer around traffic and get stopped on shoulder. I notice smoke and smell of burnt plastic from under hood as soon as I got stopped. I was able to jerk the battery cable off with pliers and put fire out at fuse box next to battery. I had truck towed to somerset Dodge dealer who replaced the tipm module (under hood fuse block). When I picked up truck next the next day I asked why did it burn with no fuses blown? I was told they found nothing else wrong with truck, I may need to check my trailer. This would not explain the fuse not blown. I purchased truck new in 2007 and use it towing cattle or farm equipment with never a fuse blown in truck in 49,000 miles or 5 years. This is a problem that dealer service advisor could not explain and there was no recall related to fuse block. I checked both my trailers and found no problems, which if there had been that's what fuses are for. I feel my dealer has done all they can but I am not satisfied with the failure of this fuse block. The incident on sept. 24, 2012 would have had a different end had I been in in left lane behind traffic at 55mph and towing five ton with limited braking on truck and none on trailer due to them being electric, also had it been night and the loss of headlights could have made steering around traffic impossible. The fact that this has been reported by other drivers/owners to this somerset dealership makes me think there is a need for Dodge to address this problem. It was Mon., Sep. 24, 2012 when this battery cable issue happened.



See [all problems of Dodge Ram 3500](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Dodge Ram 3500](#).



Battery Cable problem of Dodge Grand Caravan

The vehicle involved is a 2008 Dodge Grand Caravan. The contact stated that while driving 35 mph the vehicle was experiencing electrical failures. The contact mentioned that no warning lamps were illuminated on the instrument panel. The horn and windshield wipers activated, and wiper fluid started spraying before the vehicle stalled. The failure recurred multiple times. The vehicle was maneuvered to the shoulder where he removed the battery cable and fuses that governed the horn and wipers in order for the failure to stop. Also, the transmission failed to shift and there were multiple electrical popping noises throughout the engine. The vehicle was taken to the dealer who diagnosed that the wireless module was defective and as a result, the battery needed to be replaced. The vehicle was repaired however, the remedy failed to correct the problem. The manufacturer was not made aware of the failure. The failure mileage was 75,000 and the current mileage was 76,000. It was 06/15/12 when this battery cable issue occurred.

See [all problems of Dodge Grand Caravan](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Dodge Grand Caravan](#).



Battery Cable problem of Ford Focus

The vehicle involved is a 2002 Ford Focus. The VIN of the problem Focus is 3FAHP37392_. Battery cables shorted out causing small fire on battery cables and melting on both battery cables. This battery cable issue occurred Jul. 30, 2012.

See [all problems of Ford Focus](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Ford Focus](#).



Battery Cable problem of Ford Freestar

The car is a 2005 Ford Freestar. I was driving my Freestar home, pulling into my complex when the battery light came on, then a second later the brake light, then all the power to the van was lost. I had no control, the entire electrical system went out, the engine shut off, I had to rub the van up against the curb to stop it. When I got it going again and parked in my parking spot the battery light came on again and I lost all power again. The next day I replaced the battery as I was told it could be a battery issue, but even with the new battery the light was still on. I had the alternator and the battery cables checked and it was fine. Then I was told it maybe the pcm which is a known issue with this model and what I experienced is the identified issue. . . This is very serious as I was bring home my family home and we just got off the highway like 5-10 minutes before this thing shut down on me, if this was the highway we could have been seriously hurt. Plus now I can't even drive because the part is not available, it's on back order, so this must mean a lot of people are having this issue. This problem occurred on Thursday, June 21, 2012.. Read more...

See [all problems of Ford Freestar](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Ford Freestar](#).



Battery Cable problem of GMC Acadia

The car was a 2010 GMC Acadia. The VIN of this vehicle is 1GKLVNED7A_. The main battery cable running from the battery located behind the passenger's seat was resting on a bolt from the frame. The threads from the bolt cut through the battery cable and shorted out the electrical system causing the floor matting to catch fire while the vehicle was in motion. The engine shut down, causing a loss of power steering and brakes. Since it was the main battery cable the connects directly to the battery with no fuse, the short continued to spark. In the particular vehicle the battery is located inside the vehicle, below the passenger side rear floor. The positive battery cable runs from there to inside the engine compartment to the alternator, with no fuse in between. I took the vehicle to the dealer and they said it was not a warranty issue. I raised the question with them about a recall and got no where. I did some searches on GMC blog sites and this issue has happened on a number of other vehicles, one leading to a wreck. Luckily I was at a stop light turning when it happened to me. If this would have happened on a freeway at freeway speeds, the story could have been much worse. This battery cable issue occurred May. 19, 2012.

See [all problems of GMC Acadia](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of GMC Acadia](#).



Battery Cable problem of GMC Acadia

The car is a 2007 GMC Acadia. The vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) is 1GKER33737_. I am on active duty an active duty military member. While attending a military school, I purchased a new 2007 GMC Acadia from a GMC dealership nearby. After the course, I served a year at a military station in another state, while there, my vehicle was serviced twice for recalls by a GMC service center nearby. One of the recalls was to fix a defect in the sun roof that was causing water leaks. I had the vehicle serviced in 09 while the vehicle was still under warranty just before shipping for a 2 year overseas assignment. At that time, I identified some electrical issues. Soon after my arrival to my overseas assignment, more electrical issues developed along with mystery water leaks that were saturating the carpet and causing mold to grow inside the vehicle. There was no gm service center in that country so I had to live with the leaks and electrical problems. Finally after about a year, I had a minor accident where my tire hit a guard rail doing about 10 mph. All the air bags deployed but there was no other damage to the vehicle. At this point I quit using the vehicle. The seat belts didn't work, the ac and heater didn't work, the left blinker didn't work, the engine would not shut off with the key, the battery box behind the passenger seat kept flooding with water and I had to disconnect a battery cable every time I parked the car to keep the battery from dying. The vehicle was unsafe. I am now stationed in the us and have shipped the vehicle back to the USA. I am now trying to resolve all these issues with a local gm service center but I am being told by that service center that the vehicle is basically totaled with only 60k miles but since it is now out of warranty, I am responsible for the repairs. This battery cable problem happened on 06/01/09.

See [all problems of GMC Acadia](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of GMC Acadia](#).



Battery Cable problem of Acura RL

The car is a 2006 Acura RL. Driving down steep "s" turn in mountains when battery cable disconnected and all of car's systems shut down. No brakes, no steering, no power. Worst part was that doors locked and we could not unlock them nor the windows. Extremely frightening. There was no cell phone service where we were. If not for forest ranger who came along, because of car being partly into one of the lanes of this two-lane road, we would have roasted to death. Nobody else stopped in spite of "help" signs. There was no inside manual exit from car. Ranger had to jiggle and hold battery connection until we could unlock car. We were just lucky we

were'n either going faster or in area with no mountain to the side of us where we might have gone off cliff. We were on a dangerous curve and were scared to death someone would hit us from behind. Rangers and one of us directed traffic until tow truck arrived 1-1/2 hrs later. The battery was only a couple months old. Tow truck said wrong battery had been installed at time of change and that it "popped" the clamps that ensure connection and a charge on the battery. But losing a battery connection shouldn't mean someone is going to lose their life! we had four people in the car, and we all feel we barely escaped. This issue happened on August 18, 2012.

See [all problems of Acura RL](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Acura RL](#).

Battery Cable problem of Acura MDX

The reporting person's vehicle is a 2004 Acura Mdx. While the contact was driving 35mph, the battery cable became disconnected and the vehicle lost all power. The contact was unable to steer or stop the vehicle when the failure happened, however there was no accident. The failure and current mileages was 145000. It was Tuesday, Mar. 16, 2010 when this battery cable issue happened.

See [all problems of Acura MDX](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Acura MDX](#).

Battery Cable problem of Honda Pilot

The VIN of the car is 2HKYF18544_. I purchased a 2004 Honda Pilot on October 23, 2003 and have since had the battery replaced twice along with four towing occurrences and on-going safety concern for my family especially my two toddlers each time I turn the ignition on. I have not been unsuccessful with a resolve from the manufacturer. After my fourth attempt of mail the manufacturer and dealer only offer to reimburse my \$400 towing expenses. The dealer I purchased the vehicle from to date cannot give me an accurate diagnosis. Academy Honda claims my issues could range from re-programming keys, ignition, fuel pumps etc. I have lost days from work, pre-paid child care and tuition expenses and suffers horrifying emotional stress from these incidences. To dated not one representative from the Honda dealer has called to see how vehicle is running. It is apparent that this vehicle has an on-going safety issues that requires immediate detailed scrutiny. I would like to have this matter investigated. This is my only mode of transportation for work, errands and family affairs. I fear the death of my 3 and 4 yrs old toddlers, in addition to myself and my spouse. At this point any given morning, afternoon or evening I can be stranded at any venue. Any expedited attention you can place on this matter will be greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your consideration. It was Monday, December 22, 2003 when this battery cable issue happened.

See [all problems of Honda Pilot](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Honda Pilot](#).

Battery Cable problem of Honda Passport

The car involved is a 1998 Honda Passport. The VIN of the problem Passport is 4S6CK58W3W_. Battery cable failed.

See [all problems of Honda Passport](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Honda Passport](#).

Battery Cable problem of Hyundai Tiburon

I own a 2003 Hyundai Tiburon gt and I have been having issues with my left turn signal. When making a left turn upon completion the blinker stops blinking, but the light stays on. Sometimes by turning on the left turn signal 2 or 3 times it goes off. . . And sometimes it doesn't. Sometimes it comes on all by itself just sitting in the driveway, with the car turned off. I have even unhooked the battery cable to keep from draining the battery. Took car to the Hyundai dealership to get a diagnosis done. They told me the bcm is shot and needs to be replaced for 703. 56 plus 120. 00 for labor. This seems to be a major problem for several other owners too. I have a questions to ask. . . . If so many of us Tiburon owners are having the same issues then why is there not a recall for us. . . Oh yeah 703. 56 part + 120. 00 labor = no recall for us. Hello NHTSA or Hyundai can you say recall!!!!!! do people have to get injured or killed, or our vehicles totalled before something is done. We have already paid thousands of dollars for the vehicle; we shouldn't have to pay for defective equipment. I demand a recall for our safety. By the way, other than this bcm issue. . . I love my tibby. Please look into having this bcm recalled. Thank you. This battery cable issue occurred 09/30/2011.

See [all problems of Hyundai Tiburon](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Hyundai Tiburon](#).

Battery Cable problem of Hyundai Sonata

The vehicle having this issue was a 2006 Hyundai Sonata. During operation of the vehicle, when vehicle engine speed drops to approximately 1000 - 1100 rpm, headlights will dim or briefly shut off, radio will shut off, and interior fan speed will drop. This happens for approximately 1 second and is intermittent. From searches of the internet, this appears to be a common problem requiring replacement of the positive battery cable assembly. I do not understand why this has not been handled via a recall, especially since headlights dimming off or shutting off during night driving is extremely dangerous. This has happened on multiple occasions to this car. In addition, probably due to this voltage drop problem, several headlights, brake lights etc. , have had to be replaced. This has already cost me several hundred dollars in troubleshooting and repair, prior to learning about the cable assembly. This problem occurred on Monday, April 25, 2011.

See [all problems of Hyundai Sonata](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Hyundai Sonata](#).

Battery Cable problem of Infiniti FX35

The vehicle was a 2004 Infiniti Fx35. The vehicle identification number (VIN) of this Infiniti Fx35 is JNRAS08W74_. My car would not start and we realized the + battery cable was not making good contact with the battery. We have never messed with the battery. Since then the horn will not work. I took it in and it was the ipdm (independent p? disbursement module) and it costs \$775 for the part. When a car is coming into my lane, or backing from parking space towards me, I have no way to warn them and protect myself and my family. I researched online to try and find a replacement part cheaper and came upon many blogs of owners of 2004 Fx35 who have the same problem. This issue happened on Saturday, September 25, 2010.

See [all problems of Infiniti FX35](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Infiniti FX35](#).

approximately 90 miles with absolutely no help from my indication and safety system on a \$80,000 vehicle. After days of trying to figure out what to do and countless hours of searching on the internet, I decided to disconnect the negative battery cable to reset to cars computer. This is what I have to do approx twice a year when my radio, cd, navigation and phone goes out. That did the trick for now. I called my local mb dealer in germantown, MD after reading some of the complaints on this website and was told to bring the car in so that they could hook it up to a diagnostic computer at \$195.00 per hour. After reading the comments here and knowing that mb has thousands of vehicles with this same problem and has fixed approx 7 cars. I own 2 mb a 98 c-class and a 2000 s-500 and love both of my cars but I will never, never, never, ever buy another Mercedes Benz vehicle. I will stick Honda or Acura from now on. Every time I have taken my car into mb for service, I have been screwed over. Now have a vibration when the car is shifting through lower gears. Mb says it is a bearing in my drive shaft and it is not covered under warranty but my local mechanic at another service station says it's a bearing in my drive shaft that connects to my transmission and should be covered by warranty. I also paid over \$2000.00 to fix the problem with the locking gear shift and tow. This is a terrible way to treat loyal mb customers. I would love to have the new s-500 because I love the styling and features but just can't take the chance with all the problems and the most dishonest service departments in the car industry. I will encourage all of my friends and family to never buy another mb until me start treating their customers like they want them to come back. "a !@#% us marine". This problem occurred on Sun., Feb. 1, 2009.

See [all problems of Mercedes Benz 500](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Mercedes Benz 500](#).



Battery Cable problem of Mercedes Benz 320

The vehicle was a 2000 Mercedes Benz 320e. The VIN of the car is WDBJF65J7Y_. Consumer was unable to start the vehicle, no lights would work, and the ignition key would not turn, a tow driver found that the negative battery cable was completely disconnected from the battery. This battery cable issue occurred Saturday, Oct. 14, 2000.

See [all problems of Mercedes Benz 320](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Mercedes Benz 320](#).



Battery Cable problem of Mercury Sable

The vehicle was a 2001 Mercury Sable. Vehicle identification number (VIN) of the vehicle is 1MEFM55S41_. The contact stated there were two problems with the vehicle. The first being the engine would not start intermittently. The engine would start if it was boosted. The vehicle was taken to the local independent repair shop for inspection. The repair personnel discovered the battery cables had separated from the terminals. The cables were repaired. The second was a transmission failure. The transmission was shifted into park and the vehicle lurched forward. After this incident, the vehicle would not go into any gear. The vehicle was towed to the local repair shop for inspection. The transmission was rebuilt and the vehicle drives normal. The front bumper fascia cracked. The left rear tire failed. Updated 03/03/06. This battery cable issue occurred Monday, January 16, 2006.

See [all problems of Mercury Sable](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Mercury Sable](#).



Battery Cable problem of Mercury Sable

The vehicle is a 1997 Mercury Sable. The VIN of the problem Sable is 1MELM55U8V_. During rainy weather, the right front tire splashes water into the engine fan belt assembly causing the fan belt to slip and squeal. The power steering pump fails to turn resulting in hard steering and loss of vehicle control, the generator fails to turn resulting in battery light illumination. The right front wheelwell baffle assembly installed by the mfg does not adequately shield the fan belt assembly from rain water intrusion. A temporary, thought inadequate fix, is to apply "belt dressing" to the fan belt. Ref complaint #551260. This issue happened on Jul. 5, 2003.

See [all problems of Mercury Sable](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Mercury Sable](#).



Battery Cable problem of Mitsubishi Galant

The car is a 2002 Mitsubishi Galant. I am having problems with my car not wanting to start. This has been going on for quite some time. I took it to the dealer and they replaced the cam shaft sensor after a month or two the starting problem started again. I then had the coils, wires and battery cable replace and still have the problem. I want to know if there has been recalls for these problems no I have not been told. I only have 68000 miles on this car and should not be having this problem. This issue happened on January 6, 2012.

See [all problems of Mitsubishi Galant](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Mitsubishi Galant](#).



Battery Cable problem of Mitsubishi Montero Sport

The car involved is a 2000 Mitsubishi Montero Sport. My montero has had significant problems from day one with repeated/numerous visits to several Mitsubishi dealerships in my area. I have had all of the same complaints I have read from other owners and am very disappointed that I bought this sport utility and have spent thousands of dollars to repair. The montero has had pull to the right as described, a vibration when driving at any speeds, and a horrible performance of braking that has almost caused several accidents that could have resulted in my life and my daughters and countless other families. I have a lifetime purchase plan for alignments which are performed on a bi-weekly basis and I have also gone through 4 sets of brakes. I have also experienced my montero to just die, completely shut off in the middle of traffic- dangerous!! then after about 10 minutes and everyone honking and cursing me out it starts after I restart it. Also, with this comes a fire burning smell that I have been told by various mechanics that I have an oil leak in my engine. I have since taken the montero back and the dealership has repaired a melted gasket in the engine. I have also replaced all my belts and sparkplugs. The sunroof has had it's share of problems of leaking uncontrollably when it rains and here in florida it has been better to stand in the rain than in my SUV. Now my front reading lights under my rear mirror is leaking buckets of water and the dealership wants to charge me over \$500.00 for a new sunroof after I paid over invoice for this luxury! all of my brake lights in the rear have blown out numerous times to have to replace. This SUV IA the million dollar money pit mistake and do not recommend anyone to buy! I'm so glad that I am not going crazy and that others have experienced the same and hope to not ever experience my airbags not deploying in an accident! Mitsubishi will have a huge law suit!! The failure date was Tuesday, September 30, 2003.

See [all problems of Mitsubishi Montero Sport](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Mitsubishi Montero Sport](#).

Battery Cable problem of Nissan Maxima

The vehicle is a 2009 Nissan Maxima. The VIN of this vehicle is 1N4AA51E09_. My car was parked in my parking spot at my town home. I went to start it and the battery was completely dead. I went to release the trunk lid and the trunk would not open it operates on the battery. There is no key slot to open the trunk. I contacted consumer affairs at Nissan and they agreed there is no key slot on the trunk. When asked them how to get in my trunk to get my battery cables and my emergency kit (which came with the car). I was told the only way to open the trunk was to release the back rest on the rear seat and crawl in the trunk and pull the release on the trunk lid. When asked is there a fix for this problem I was told no. I am a man of 70yrs. Old with a bad back how am I supposed to crawl in a trunk. As I stated the car came with an emergency kit what good is it if I can't get to it. To me this a very dangerous problem. If were on the side of a road when this happen when cars are doing 60 to 70 mph I could get hurt or killed I would appreciate some one looking into this dangerous problem. This problem occurred on 09/14/12.

See [all problems of Nissan Maxima](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Nissan Maxima](#).

Battery Cable problem of Nissan Altima

Vehicle identification number (VIN): 1N4AL2AP9C_. 2012 Nissan Altima would not shut off. Ignition switch was unresponsive. The fuel pump fuse had to be removed so the car would shut off. Then the negative battery cable was removed to reset. Battery cable was reconnected and fuel pump fuse reinstalled. Car would now start and shut off normally. This has only happened once but it concerns us because this car is only four months old and has less than 5,000 miles. This battery cable problem happened on 04/20/2012.

See [all problems of Nissan Altima](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Nissan Altima](#).

Battery Cable problem of SAAB 95

The car was a 2003 SAAB 9-5. The vehicle stalled on 4 separate occasions from various speeds of 25 mph or more while driving. The vehicle has been to the dealer on 3 separate occasions. The dealer has cleaned and tightened the battery cables, the first time, they replaced the crank sensor, t-7 and the ignition switch, the second time and the third time, they were unable to duplicate the problem. The ecm was replaced but the vehicle stalled again, the cup holder crack and had broken, the battery cables were loose and dirty, the transmission did not shift properly and caused a jerking motion, the electrical gauges dropped and the vehicle lost acceleration. This problem occurred on 10/15/03.

See [all problems of SAAB 95](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of SAAB 95](#).

Battery Cable problem of SAAB 95

The car involved was a 1999 SAAB 9-5. The vehicle identification number (VIN) of the car was YS3ED58EXX_. 1999 SAAB 9-5 has a faulty master cylinder, and vacuum booster which both had to be replaced at owners expense. In the past the consumer had to replace the water pump. Heater fan motor, thermostat. Leaky sunroof, battery, battery cables and numerous light bulbs. This battery cable issue occurred 12/28/2005.

See [all problems of SAAB 95](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of SAAB 95](#).

Battery Cable problem of Saturn ION

The vehicle having this issue was a 2006 Saturn Ion. The VIN of the car is 1G8AJ58F86_. This vehicle was purchased brand new and driven very little. Protected in closed in garage. Drove to colorado springs for vacation and went to visit relatives. Parked vehicle in front of relative home and the key couldn't be turned to shut off the car. Fortunately there was a neighbor of my relatives that new how to shut it off by disconnecting the battery cables. To start the car the cables had to be hooked back up. Drove to ferguson Buick GMC in colorado springs and they checked it. The tumbler came apart, won't turn off, replaced ignition lock. Was charged for housing kit (15857948), code cyl, cylinder kit (20869121), labor and cost of parts totalled \$614. 22. With only 16, 607 miles from 2006 to 2012 this should not have happened. Today, November 30, 2012, I went to drive my vehicle and when I started the engine all the lights on the dash and message about steering off trac keeps flashing and it said something about steering fluid, brakes and the lights were going crazy. I am afraid to drive it so I drove it back into my garage. Couldn't drive it like that. Now what is wrong. This vehicel has been paid for since 2008 and only has 19, 000 miles on it. My husband bought me this vehicle as a surprise and little did he know he would get pancreatic cancer the following year. He wanted me to have a dependable extra vehicle. I cannot keep paying money to fix a vehicle that I am afraid to drive. May get stranded somewhere. I wouldn't feel in good conscious to even sell it to anyone. Not worth what he paid for it. It was Friday, July 13, 2012 when this battery cable issue happened.

See [all problems of Saturn ION](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Saturn ION](#).

Battery Cable problem of Saturn ION

The vehicle is a 2006 Saturn Ion. The vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) was 1G8AZ55F16_. Every time fuel is slightly below a quarter tank the engine stalls as if the car is running out of gas and the cars drastically reduces speed with minimum power. Also, after the incident occurred I went online to research the problem and found out that the vehicle had been recalled for fuel pump problems as well as lighting irregularities. Furthermore, as I continued using my vehicle the ignition switch cylinder broke causing the key to be stuck and was unable to turn off the ignition of the car. Luckily, I have a stick shift transmission and was able to turn off the car by putting it into 4th gear and letting go of the clutch to turn off the ignition. Unfortunately, the car battery remains on and in order to completely turn off the car I have to disconnect the battery cable so the batter life is not drained. This battery cable problem happened on Nov. 15, 2011.

See [all problems of Saturn ION](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Saturn ION](#).

Battery Cable problem of Subaru Outback

The car was a 2005 Subaru Outback. The vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) was 4S4BP67C25_. Second time this has happened. When in a stopped position and intend to pull out, motor running, but gas pedal does not engage. Push all the way to floor - still nothing. In order to correct, must turn off engine and disconnect battery cable so vehicle can reset itself. Also had problem when sitting still where vehicle began idling as if accelerator being pressed down - lasted 5-10 seconds then backed off. When purchased car used, had problems with cruise control not working and light flashing continuously. Found that injector had to be replaced - apparently tied to cruise mechanism. This corrected the problem but quite expensive to repair. This

battery cable problem happened on 10/29/11.

See [all problems of Subaru Outback](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Subaru Outback](#).

Battery Cable problem of Subaru Impreza

The vehicle having this issue was a 2008 Subaru Impreza. The VIN of this vehicle is JF1GR89678_. Car was parked and locked in my driveway. The horn started blaring and headlights came on. Not car alarm. Interior was filled with smoke. Called fire department then tried to open car with remote to extinguish fire. Had to use key to unlock door. Fire originated from gauges/dash area on drivers side. There were several explosions from car as it burned. Horn continued to blare after fire department extinguished fire. Fire fighters then pried into hood and cut battery cables before horn stopped blaring. Total loss of vehicle. This issue happened on Sunday, Jan. 11, 2009.

See [all problems of Subaru Impreza](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Subaru Impreza](#).

Battery Cable problem of Suzuki Grand Vitara

The vehicle identification number (VIN) of this Suzuki Grand Vitara is JS3TD62V43_. The vehicle involved is a 2003 Suzuki Grand Vitara. The contact experienced difficulty starting the vehicle. He discovered that the battery cable was grounding out against the body of the vehicle, which caused the failure. The contact stated that the vehicle is unsafe due to the current recalls on the vehicle, although he has not experienced any of the failures noted in the recalls. The failure mileage was 70,000. It was Wednesday, July 23, 2008 when this battery cable issue occurred.

See [all problems of Suzuki Grand Vitara](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Suzuki Grand Vitara](#).

Battery Cable problem of Toyota Tundra

The vehicle involved was a 2007 Toyota Tundra. Hello, two day ago I was pulling put of my condo complex when I noticed a burning plastic smell. After about 20 seconds smoke and very small flames started to pour out of the drivers door panel where the switches are located. There was no major fire damage but the car was filled with smoke and the switch that operates the passenger side front window melted down. I fortunately had some tools nearby so I quickly disconnected the battery cables as it was still arcing and sparking. The only switch that works properly is the drivers side front window. The following day I told my CO worker about what happened. Today he showed me the autoblog. Com article regarding the story about Toyotas window switches catching fire. How do I go about reporting this to you guys or someone else. My truck is a 2007 Toyota Tundra double cab 4. 7 v8 2wd trd. The failure date was Wednesday, February 8, 2012.

See [all problems of Toyota Tundra](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Toyota Tundra](#).

Battery Cable problem of Toyota Land Cruiser

The vehicle involved is a 2006 Toyota Land Cruiser. The VIN of this vehicle is JTEHT05J26_. We came home late at Wednesday night sept, 07 2011 around 9:00 pm, saw the tail lights and front amber lights of the 2006 Land Cruiser park at the driveway was on. I went into the house to get the key to unlock the door and locked it back. We went into the house for 10 minutes and came out side and those lights are turn on again. I got the key again and this time I unlock the door and try to start the car and found out the battery are dead, I try very things I can think of to turn those lights off, no luck, I end up to open the hood to disconnect the negative battery cable and found the plastic horn on the ground and had been melted off from the metal horn itself. The next day sept, 08 2011. I took the battery out and put in the garage to charge the battery back up. On Friday sept, 09 2011, I put the battery back on the vehicle and turn the car over, I drove all the way to a local Toyota dealership and told them the problem and make an appointment with them on next Monday sept, 12 2011. Drove the car home, lock the car about 2 hours later came out and found the Land Cruiser lights on again, went to get the key and turn on the engine and this time the dash board light also flashing, the car engine ran for about 3 minutes and suddenly the engine rev up by itself and stayed rev. I step on the brake pedal nothing change, and also try to step on the accelerator pedal and found out that the gas pedal had no respond what so ever with the engine speeding up. Stuck accelerator control? was there any of this been reported? was there a recalled?. It was Wed., Sep. 7, 2011 when this battery cable issue happened.

See [all problems of Toyota Land Cruiser](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Toyota Land Cruiser](#).

Battery Cable problem of Volkswagen Passat

The vehicle was a 2007 Volkswagen Passat. I started my vehicle, and within 30 seconds I smelled burning. I shut down engine and noticed smoke bellowing out from under hood. I lifted hood and found an electrical harness on top of engine was on fire and melting. I was able to borrow pliers from someone and disconnected battery cable. I had vehicle towed to dealership, and they called me this morning stating that the coil had an internal short. I asked them how I can be assured that this wouldn't happen again when parts are replaced and there reply was "this is very rare". I have a baby less than 2 years old and it scares me to death to think what may of happened if my wife was driving with my child. This battery cable issue occurred Friday, September 26, 2008.

See [all problems of Volkswagen Passat](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Volkswagen Passat](#).

Battery Cable problem of Volkswagen Passat

The vehicle was a 2006 Volkswagen Passat. The contact attempted to start the ignition and the steering wheel began to lock up. There were two warning indicators illuminated on the instrument panel. The messages displayed were "embolizater: activated move steering wheel" and "steering lock defective". In addition, the ignition key was stuck and failed to release. The failures ocured without warning. The driver disconnected and reconnected the battery cable to start the vehicle. The vehicle stalled between six to ten times while in operation. The failure occurred intermittently. The vehicle was towed from her residence to an independent mechanic. The VIN was unknown. The failure and current mileages were 69,000. It was 05/18/2009 when this battery cable issue happened.

See [all problems of Volkswagen Passat](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Volkswagen Passat](#).

Battery Cable problem of Volvo XC90

The car was a 2006 Volvo XC90. I drove home from work and messages started to appear warning me of the engine not working properly, low beams not working. Drove it home. Turned it off & wipers would not stop. We unhooked the battery cable using the manual. Took it to have battery tested, bad cell. Replaced battery & wipers quit working, air bag light warning came on. Took to mechanic to have wiper motor tested, it was fine. Took to Volvo, they wanted to replace wiper motor, told them that was not the only problem. Took to different Volvo and they diagnosed, after three hours, the cem was corroded due to a crack in the box that houses it. Wanted \$3500 for the repair. I left without it and started to research it. Found out Volvo acknowledged a fault in the seal in a traffic safety report. Contacted Volvo about the repair, started discussions about a good will repair, three weeks later I received a call stating they would not cover any part of it. The Volvo loses power and could be unsafe at any time. There are many discussions of this on different Volvo. I don't understand how Volvo says it is a fault of the part and then refuses to replace it. I am driving it at this time, while I figure out a more economical route. It was Monday, July 11, 2011 when this battery cable issue happened.

See [all problems of Volvo XC90](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Volvo XC90](#).

Battery Cable problem of Volvo XC90

The VIN of this vehicle is YV1CY59215_. Consumer has a 2005 Volvo Xc90. The contact noticed a burning smell inside the passenger compartment. The vehicle would not start and was towed to the repair shop. The mechanic stated that the jack crank handle caused the failure. The contact was unsure if the vehicle was included in NHTSA campaign id number 07v221000 (electrical system:battery:cables). The current and failure mileages were 25,000. It was Sat., Oct. 27, 2007 when this battery cable issue occurred.

See [all problems of Volvo XC90](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Volvo XC90](#).

Battery Cable problem of BMW 528

The vehicle involved is a 2008 BMW 528i. The contact stated that a strong burning odor was emitted in the trunk area while the vehicle was parked. In addition, the contact was unable to start the engine. The vehicle was towed to the dealer for further inspection. The failure was located at the battery cables, which were not properly connected. Prior to the failure, the vehicle was repaired under NHTSA campaign id number: 12v126000 (electrical system: battery: cables). The manufacturer was made aware of the failure. The VIN was not available. The failure and current mileage was 137,300. The failure date was Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2012.

See [all problems of BMW 528](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of BMW 528](#).

Battery Cable problem of BMW 525

The vehicle involved is a 2004 BMW 525i. The vehicle's vehicle identification number (VIN) is WBANA53574_. In June 2012, I received service for the battery cable recall for my 2004 525i at bevery hills BMW service center. One week after my service a service indicator on my I-drive said there was passenger restraint/airbag malfunction. The bevery hills BMW service department determined that this service indicator was triggered by a malfunction of the battery safety terminal which happened shortly <1000 miles after the repair of the battery cable recall. The recall service done at bevery hills BMW was related to the mounting of the battery cables to a connection in the mid-trunk, and the positive terminal cable that connects there runs back to the right corner of the trunk and connects to the battery, communicating directly with the battery safety terminal. From what I have read, the battery safety terminal can malfunction if any connection to it is loose causing an abrupt change in impedance in the circuit, or on the contrary can be caused by blown fuse related to a rapid rise in voltage. Another possibility is that heating of the battery cable (the issue the recall exists in the first place), could have caused the battery terminal to malfunction, though that does not explain why this problem would surface only after the repair work. Furthermore, the battery safety terminal is not a wearable part, so it seem illogical to think that's it's malfunction, timed to the recall repair was just a coincidence. BMW of bevery hills is attempting to charge me for the battery safety terminal repair \$870. 00 even though this is a direct result of their failed attempt to repair the recall. BMW of north America was notified of this problem. This battery cable problem happened on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2012.

See [all problems of BMW 525](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of BMW 525](#).

Battery Cable problem of Buick Riviera

I have a 1997 Buick Riviera that has a security light problem. I try to crank the car and sometimes it will crank other times it wont. I am a young male that normally travels back and forth to work but some mourning's all I can do is pray. It never really bothered me before I have been told that I have the patience of a slug. But today I was pulled over because the brake light in my window was out long story short. I asked the officer if I could leave the car running because of the security problem while he checked my paper work insurance registration etc. He stated for both of our mind states it would best if I turned off the motor. I did as I was asked the officer returned to the car to deliver my drivers license insurance etc. He gave me a warning to get the light replaced then left mean while for the next hour and a half. He returned around 45 minutes later. I am on the side of the highway I tried cleaning the key with a dry rag letting the key set in the ignition until the light turned off. I even unplugged the negative side of the battery cable to let the computer reset its self. I went to gm and had a key made for the car because my first key had the rubber tip removed. So I figured I would get a new key made for the car as well as a new key pad everything worked fine for a day or two. I called gm the manager asked me to come back in and stated that maybe the key was under cut because they had just purchased a new key cutting machine and were still working out the bugs. The car started fine security light came on while I was driving and I just did not let it bother me for a while. Now im informing you guys because my other car was totaled by a hit and run driver while it was on the side of the road about two weeks ago I left it to put air in the spare tire. I hope that we can come to a solution to this problem before its to late for me or anyone else. This problem occurred on 12/23/2011.

See [all problems of Buick Riviera](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Buick Riviera](#).

Battery Cable problem of Buick Regal

The vehicle is a 2000 Buick Regal. The VIN of this Regal is 2G4WF551XY_. Negative cable on battery keeps loosening, causing battery to die. It was Jan. 20, 2000 when this battery cable issue occurred.

See [all problems of Buick Regal](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Buick Regal](#).

 Battery Cable problem of Cadillac STS

The reporting person's vehicle is a 2005 Cadillac STS. While driving 70 mph, the vehicle lost power and shut off. The hazard lights were inoperative. The dealer stated that the negative battery cable was loose. The vehicle is currently out of the shop; however, the contact is concerned about the issue and no longer wants the vehicle. The current and failure mileages were 61,000. This battery cable issue occurred 09/08/08.

See [all problems of Cadillac STS](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Cadillac STS](#).

 Battery Cable problem of Cadillac Seville

The car is a 1997 Cadillac Seville. The vehicle identification number (VIN) of the car was 21G6KY5292_. While pulling in vehicle just shut off, lost all power. Aaa came, looked under the hood, battery acid leaked and burned battery cable. This issue happened on Tuesday, Aug. 20, 2002.

See [all problems of Cadillac Seville](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Cadillac Seville](#).

 Battery Cable problem of Jaguar X-type

The vehicle was a 2002 Jaguar X-type. The VIN of the problem X-type is SAJEA51C02_. The engine would quit running, usually when turning right and usually while bouncing over a bump. The car would sometimes show codes relating to the transmission, cylinder misfiring, or the security system failing. Sometimes no codes at all would be stored, and sometimes the car would start back up on its own after a brief moment. Other times it was un-drivable. The underlying issue turned out to be the positive battery cable supplying the fuse box was rubbing against a transmission mount bolt head and grounding out. This battery cable issue occurred Monday, Jul. 2, 2012.

See [all problems of Jaguar X-type](#) and [all Battery Cable problems of Jaguar X-type](#).

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Terry Box: Freak pickup fire on test drive taught me vehicles don't burn like they used to

"For a few hours last week, my copper-colored Ram pickup cruised the plains of North Texas like some overdressed Duke of Dallas.

Tall, broad and powerful, the Ram Longhorn Edition offered every option a truck-loving Texan would want: a Hemi V-8, crew cab, etched leather seats, 20-inch wheels, and eight-speed automatic and four-wheel-drive.

Need a hill? The proud, polished Ram could drag one in.

And at about 7 p.m. last Wednesday, it all disappeared in a thick column of acrid brown smoke on the side of the Dallas North Tollway — \$54,335 worth of truck gone in about three minutes.

I was the old hillbilly-looking guy who hopped out of the Ram just south of the Trinity Mills exit and limped away from the truck.

If you were one of the two or three motorists who honked at me, offering what looked to be obscene gestures, I will try next time to stage my vehicle fires in a more convenient location.

But I did come away from this with a clearer understanding of fires in modern vehicles, an extremely rare occurrence..."

Wanted to get to this before certain haters caught wind.

What do you guys think happened?

.....

Formerly known as [REDACTED]

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2012 Jeep Wrangler Unlimited Sport S 5A;

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06:38 AM

I would never judge a vehicle by a freak accident. In any case, never seems to affect Ferrari sales 😊

2010 GT3RS, 2008 GT3RS 2008 Cayenne S , 2006 BMW M6 2005 ,Smart ForTwo ,2003 Mercedes SL500



Addict | Posts: 20678 | Joined: 06/09

Posted: 03/28/13
06:42 AM

Dodge living true to their reputation.



Addict | Posts: 5714 | Joined: 09/12

Posted: 03/28/13
06:45 AM

Fred Diaz, CEO of Ram, was profusely apologetic about the fire — but certainly didn't have to be. I couldn't find anything to suggest that this was anything other than an extremely rare occurrence.

"We take these things very, very seriously," Diaz said. "I've got to believe this is a one-in-a-billion situation. But we've got a team of engineers working on it, and we'll figure out what happened."

As the truck was losing power, I kept scanning the gauges for clues. Everything seemed fine.

The cooling system was still working, the engine had oil, the electrical system continued to function and I didn't have a "check engine" light.

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2005 Wrangler Sport

Street racing is not drag racing



Addict | Posts: 5714 | Joined: 09/12

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06:46 AM

I am very curious to see what happened here.

Fists in 3..2..1.. and of course he blatantly blame Chrysler which should earn him a ban hopefully again.

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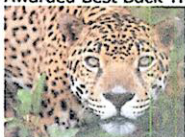
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06:50 AM



That's ugly.

People will act like it matters for a little while and then nobody will care.

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Addict | Posts: 17182 | Joined: 03/10

Posted: 03/28/13
06:55 AM

Probably a fuel line. Losing power followed by fire.

2010 Taurus SEL
Fastbacks are for Louvers!

This is America! It is my God given right to be loudly opinionated about something I'm completely ignorant of!



Addict | Posts: 5256 | Joined: 04/11

Posted: 03/28/13
07:00 AM

I'm still shocked that someone payed 55 grand for a Dodge!! ☹



Addict | Posts: 5537 | Joined: 09/12

Posted: 03/28/13
07:04 AM

Fists was seen fleeing the scene with an empty gas can and a flamethrower.

You can have an opinion, just be prepared to be relentlessly mocked for it.

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Enthusiast | Posts: 688 | Joined: 03/10

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07:06 AM

that makes sense

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07:06 AM

SuperDuper:

Probably a fuel line. Losing power followed by fire.

Or split line...this is what my Cummins did when I up'd the pressure way to much. Fortunately diesel doesn't burn like gas does.

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Guru | Posts: 1952 | Joined: 09/11

Posted: 03/28/13
07:08 AM

Well it is a Chrysler so this should be expected, but i know how the guy feels because this has happened to me before and it definitely wakes you up, luckily for me i was able to put it out with a 24 pack of lipton ice tea.

Ambition is a dream with a V8 engine-



User | Posts: 232 | Joined: 04/10

Posted: 03/28/13
07:11 AM

I am going to take an unbiased approach and say that I do not know if Chrysler uses inferior suppliers for its newer vehicles. I thought they were drastically improving in quality. This seems to happen too often in Chryslers. Improve the quality in the suppliers and this probably will not happen!

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Addict | Posts: 21034 | Joined: 08/10

Posted: 03/28/13
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Has to be a fuel line the more I think about it. Under the hood that means either defect in the line itself or someone pinched it.

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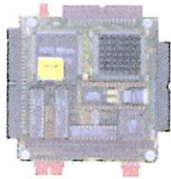
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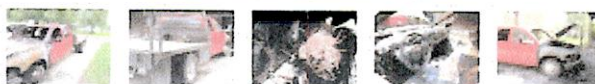
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I was out of town for the week and had my wife's car because it got better gas mileage. I left her with the truck. She drove it to work and back for three days but on the third day she came home, parked the vehicle in the drive, got the mail and took the trash can up to the house. Went inside and let the dog out. After several minutes she went to let the dog back in. she said she smelled smoke and started to look around to see what it was. She looked out front and there was fire under the truck. As you can see the truck burned to the ground.

The following is from the fire inspector report.

The remains of the fuse and relay center were found within the burned Ram 3500. An examination revealed heavier damage to the bottom of the fuse and relay center. Examination of wiring extending from the relay center disclosed evidence of electrical arcing. Several circuits within the relay center had arced during the fire. Additional wiring that had extended from the relay center was found in the front left corner of the engine compartment. An examination of this wiring revealed multiple shorts and brittle wire conditions. Fire patterns clearly indicate this to be the area of origin.

It is my professional opinion the fire is electrical in origin. Several circuits within the fuse and relay center are energized whether the vehicle is running or not. The vehicle had been operated within 30 – 45 minutes prior to the discovery of the fire. With the engine running additional circuits in the relay center would have been energized. A malfunction occurred within the relay center igniting the wire insulation and plastic housing. Heat generated by the burning plastic ignited additional components found within the engine compartment and the fire ensued. Though we cannot identify the exact circuit that malfunctioned, all heat, smoke and fire patterns clearly indicate the origin to be within the fuse and relay center. All other causes for the loss have been eliminated.

This truck gave no warning that anything was wrong. No lights, no performance issues, Nothing!

I called Chrysler about the problem They said it was because of the extra lights on the truck. I pointed out that there were no extra lights on the truck. There are only enough lights on the truck to make it legal. She said it was because of the flatbed I installed on the truck. I pointed out the the bed had been on the truck since I bought it from the dealer in 2007. She said it was my fault for putting the bed on the truck and the extra lights put a strain on the relay. That they are quite aware of the problem and it was only a matter of time before the

relay failed. It just depends on how many times I used the turn signals etc. Once again I explained to her that there are no extra lights on the truck. She said its the after market bed. I said, your going to get sued! She said you do what you have to do.

That's how Chrysler handles a problem that is clearly their fault. It does not matter if there were extra lights (and there were not!) That's what fuses are for! This is a relay that has failed and is built in plastic.

The truck was parked next to my house and caught the house on fire. Thank God we were not inside sleeping and no one was hurt.

I had liability on the truck so I have to eat it.

I will never own another Chrysler product again.

Chrysler knows they are a giant and can keep me tied up in court for years.

As for the rest of you Chrysler owners. Good luck! I hope you don't expect the company to ever do whats right

[REDACTED]dodgeownr, Topeka, KS, USA

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Bought a 2013 Dodge 2500 1000 miles check engines by came on. Then a window popped up. Said memory system not available. Not in park. Now can't use navigation system. Lights flashing across screen. Paid air of money for this truck. From what I see nothing ever gets done from Dodge. I want an answer. I do not want to be ignored. Thank you.

Helpful? YES NO



of Cleveland, TX on July 2, 2013

Satisfaction Rating

2

A week ago, on June 25, 2013, I arrived home at 4 pm and left with a friend and was notified by my neighbor at 6:30 pm that my truck which had been parked since 4 pm was fully engulfed in flames. He held water from the garden hose on it until the VFD arrived to extinguish what was left. The end result is that from the cab forward, it is totally burned to the ground. With only liability insurance on it, it's a total loss with no idea how it caught on fire. The point of origin looks to be from the driver's side fender well area under the hood. I've heard numerous rumors of the fuse boxes shorting out, and/or the avs shorting out causing the fire.

Thus far, I've not seen or heard of any recall from Dodge. Can anyone guide me to the correct direction for restitution for my truck that was in great condition with many more miles of dependability left in it or so I thought? Is Dodge going to stand behind their product that has been proven by other owners to have this problem and make good for it? Or just keep taking our money for vehicles with a lifespan of maybe lasting long enough to pay them off before just having to dispose of it?



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Helpful? YES NO



of Norfolk, VA on Dec. 2, 2012

Satisfaction Rating

2

1997 Dodge Truck - The clear coat has peeled off most of the hood and cab top and is spreading to the front fenders. It cost me almost \$1,800.00 to repair the front suspension because there was no fitting on any joints. The fresh air intake allows trash to enter the system, which will build up over a 30 amp resistor and start a fire. It took almost 3 months to get the smoke smell out. Dodge installed a new resistor but did not repair the melted heater housing, which also affects the A/C during the summer.

Helpful? YES NO



of Berthoud, CO on Nov. 24, 2012

Satisfaction Rating

1

1997 Dodge truck paint peeling off in mass - Lousy Dodge/Chrysler paint. Beware spending big bucks on a Dodge Ram or Chrysler product. The paint has peeled off the hood, top of the cab and almost every horizontal surface. It is also creeping down the sides. It is like a time bomb. It started about 4 years ago, like a timer went off. My last Dodge truck for sure. \$2,500.00 to repaint. They have to strip it. I have friends with other brands of trucks with more miles and as old. They still have their paint.

Helpful? YES NO



of Huntsville, AL on Aug. 8, 2012

Satisfaction Rating

1

The top of our 2001 Dodge Ram truck has several places on top of the truck cab where the burgundy color is already faded and the clear coating is peeling away. Soon the spots will be down to bare metal and probably will continue to get worse. We want this problem repaired, at no cost to us, by the Dodge company.

Helpful? YES NO



of Cape Cora, FL on Feb. 24, 2012

Satisfaction Rating

2

Our Dodge Dakota began peeling its clear coat on the roof. Then it also happened on the roof, and now there are also small patches in other areas. The truck needs to be painted to maintain a rust free paint protective base.

Helpful? YES NO



of Hoopeston, IL on Feb. 21, 2012

Satisfaction Rating

2

The 2001 Dodge Durango is the biggest mistake of my life. About 16 months ago, I bought a 2001 Dodge Durango. I only had it for 9 months when the engine started to make a loud, knocking noise. I kept all my oil dates and maintained the vehicle as needed. I was told that I needed a new engine. Not only that, but I had several issues with steering and air conditioning.

I bought the truck because of the Dodge reputation of being a good vehicle. Now, I owe money on a truck; and I'm paying for something I can't drive. Instead of fixing it, I am going to have to junk it. I am truly disappointed in Dodge. I have lost so much money for nothing. I am asking for help before I decide to junk the truck. Can anyone help me?

Helpful? YES NO



██████ of Marrero, LA on Feb. 9, 2010

It has been a month and still do not have my service on. I have asked many times for a manager or supervisor. All I get is, "No, I can't." They have been incompetent every time I have talked to someone. They have made mistake after mistake blaming me. I needed a business line. They transferred me back and forth until they set it up. It was wrong. I waited all day. No one showed. It goes on all day. They set me up again. I was five minutes late getting here. I called them back. He said, "Sorry, we cannot come back," so rescheduled me seven days later. Never showed up. Never called once to tell me anything or a sorry.

I called them over and over again. Three days later, nothing. So I called again. Same answer but then I found out they set it up wrong, so we had to start over again telling us it could be 10 more days. Set me up with the business line again. Waited another seven days which now is a month later. Still no phone. I would like to talk to a head person and not the people I have been dealing with especially the dispatchers that seem to be pushing us back later and later. I really would like to know what happened to this company.

They need more respect for the customers. This has been a nightmare. Please call me. His business cards have been printed and invoices with the phone number they gave us. He just lost his father and had to take over the business so our family doesn't starve. This mater has gone on long enough. We do not feel they keep telling your name has to start over. Every week we are backed up. His business is on hold because people cannot get hold of you. Not only that but the stress we have been under because of the way we have been treated by their staff.

Helpful? YES NO



██████ of Humboldt, KS on May 28, 2003

I bought a 2001 Dodge Ram 1500 in January of 2000. On February 25 2001 my truck caught fire and burned to the ground in my driveway; the worst part my insurance had lapsed three days earlier so insurnace won't help. I called the dealer, they gave me a claim number and I was told everything would be fine, I would get a new truck and just to be quiet about it, they knew something was wrong.

I did everything these people told me and nothing is resoved yet. Yesterday I got a letter from Chrysler Financial saying they were going to take me to court for the remainder of the payments. I guess I'm probably screwed except for the recall notices they keep sending me saying I need to get it fixed so it DOESN'T catch fire.

They have ruined my credit. I lost \$4,235 in tools in the truck and still don't have a truck because they messed up my credit so I can't get another.

Helpful? YES NO



██████ of Ponca City, OKLAHOMA on Feb. 23, 2003

I purchased a new 2001 Dodge 1500 truck from the Davis-Moore Dodge dealership in Ponca City, OK. The vehicle caught fire in my driveway. It had been at least 10 hours since it was last driven. The fire was so hot it ignited my wife's vehicle also. I did not receive a recall notice about the loose alternator/starter wire problem. I am a police officer and was without a vehicle for almost two months. My insurance premiums were raised because of this incident.

To reiterate, the recall was sent out AFTER my vehicle fire. I was not made aware of the possible fire problem by the dealer. I think I am due some monetary compensation due to this oversight. We had to be cleared after an arson investigation. My insurance company initially accused me of fraud which caused me to hire an attorney.

My insurance company finally settled, but the arson accusations embarassed me because of my profession. I have been in a law enforcement officer for ten years after being Honorably Discharged from the Marine Corps in 1993.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of St Robert, MO on Feb. 1, 2001

My truck exploded on the way into work. It has been deemed totaled of course. A fire ball had ripped through the vents and caught myself on fire. No damages to me. I dove out of the vehicle and then it exploded. Fire investigator concluded it as a battery exploded and with minor fuel leak it sparked.

The problem I have with this is it is a 2001 Dodge Ram with only 5000 miles. Dodge is telling me that there is nothing they can do. I am in the Army. I am a captain in the Military Police Corps. I am very dependent on my vehicle. I have no mode of transportation. Geico is my insurance company and no resolution has been met. I cannot get to work unless I have someone that works for me come and get me in the morning at 0430hrs. This in my eyes is not right.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Miami, FL on Jan. 3, 2001

Bought new Dodge Ram 1500 truck. Engine has a lot of valve/lifter noise which should not be the case on a new vehicle with less than 4000 miles on it. Potamkin Dodge where I bought the truck tells me they all sound like that, however when listening to other 1500 they do not make the clicking sound I described. Dealer refused to make any repairs stating "I had one of the better running ones. I am totally frustrated and drained. I bought a new truck to avoid having such problems.

Bernardo should consult a Lemon Law attorney.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Philpot, KY on Dec. 10, 2000

On 3-5-99 I leased a 99 Dodge Dakota. This was a brand-new truck. One and one half hours after I drove off the dealers lot I had to call and set up my first service appointment to get the heating and air conditioning system repaired. To date this truck has been in the shop 19 times for repairs. I went to arbitration because I could not get needed repairs made to my truck. I requested that Chrysler buy back the truck. The district manager, Ron Heyduck, stated in the meeting that I was telling the truth but he said that in the interest of customer care they were going to make the proper repairs to the truck. The arbitrator ruled against me stating that the truck was under warranty and that Chrysler was going to make repairs.

After I received this ruling I took the truck in to the dealership to have the work performed. They kept the truck for one day and called and told me to come get it. They had not done anything to even attempt the repairs and they said they did not know how to fix it and Chrysler's technical personnel did not know either. I called Ron Heyduck and left a message on his voice mail asking why my truck was not going to be repaired. Mr. Heyduck returned my call the next evening and informed me that the dealership was not going to work on my truck any more and that the repairs were not going to be made. I asked why and he said in his opinion nothing was wrong and that they were not going to fix it. This is the man that promised in arbitration that these specific repairs would be made to my truck.

I videotaped the problem and refiled for arbitration requesting a buyback stating that Chrysler was refusing to honor their warranty. I again presented my case to another arbitrator and again Mr. Heyduck agreed that I was telling the truth. He also admitted that he had told me if this were his personal vehicle he would not be satisfied with it. He again stated that in the interest of customer care and service Chrysler would make the proper repairs to the truck. The arbitrator asked when this work would be completed and Mr. Heyduck stated no later than the end of June 2000. The arbitrator again ruled against me stating that the truck was still under warranty and that Chrysler was going to make repairs. The repairs were not completed until the end of September!

I have called Chryslers customer service number and have always been told we are sorry there is nothing we can do for you. I have written letters to Chrysler and one of my favorite responses was, we understand your concerns and we apologize but there is nothing we can do to help you.

I am making a lease payment of almost \$400 per month on a vehicle that is averaging almost one trip per month to the shop and this is not including trips for routine maintenance such as oil changes. I have tried to sell the truck but no one will buy it after they find out how much trouble I have had with the truck. The payoff on the lease and residual is about the same as trade-in value. I had a used car dealer that contacted me about the truck and I asked him if he would take it off my hands. All I wanted him to pay was the amount still owed on the truck. He wanted to know about any problems I had with the truck. I told him about all the times it had been in the shop and he said he did not want it. I told him there was still over one year and almost 16,000 miles left on the factory warranty. He told me he did not want that vehicle on his lot! I cannot even sell the truck for trade in value which is almost \$5,000 below the wholesale value of the truck.

Mr. Heyduck has told me he is not going to do anything to help me out. He did offer me an extended warranty the first time I filed for arbitration. This was with the condition that I would not take the matter to arbitration. Since I went to arbitration and did not accept his offer he has made it very clear that he is not willing to help me in any way! The responses I have gotten from Chrysler have been basically, you bought it, tough luck!

This is why arbitration is not a good way to clear the backlog of cases in civil court. It is nearly always bought and paid for by the manufacturer. The way to clear the backlog of court cases is for manufacturers to stop making defective products and stiffing consumers who complain about them. It's too bad Joseph wasted on this time on arbitration when he probably could have sued under the Lemon Law statute. It may very well be too late now, so arbitration has been doubly beneficial for Chrysler and doubly damaging for [REDACTED]

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Miami, FL on July 20, 2000

I'm leasing a 1998 Dodge Durango. I have the truck for 2 years, problem is the brake system. I have been in a situation when I have to stop very quickly and the truck won't stop. On July 17 2000, I was driving at a speed of 45 mph, the light changed, I hit the brakes and it made a noise like the ABS activated but the truck did not stop.

I have taken the truck to the dealer twice and they can not find any problems with the brakes. I'm afraid to drive the truck.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Aberdeen, MS on March 29, 2000

Our company runs a fleet of trucks mainly throughout the southeast. Five (5) of those trucks are Dodge 3500 Ton Cummings Diesel trucks with a 5-speed manual transmission.

We have had to replace or rebuild the transmissions in each of these trucks, some more than once. We have also replaced several clutches as well. The average mileage at the time has been around 50,000. One truck only had around 28,000 miles when the transmission fell apart in it.

From what we can gather, we are not the only ones having this problem in this truck. Dodge / Chrysler has not done a lot to rectify this situation. The local Dodge dealer simply said our crews were too rough on these trucks, but we are not hauling much of a load on these trucks.

Now it seems they have come out with a new 6-speed manual transmission. If they are not having trouble, why come out with a larger transmission?

We have been left stranded on the roadside all over the Southeast! I have had to be without trucks due to the time it takes to get one fixed which puts me in a bind. Also, the amount of time our employees are spending either waiting on a replacement truck, re-loading trucks, or the amount of time spent riding back to Aberdeen in a tow truck.

Helpful? YES NO



of Mechanicsville, VA on March 22, 2000

I contacted Mechanicsville Dodge concerning paint chipping on my 1997 Dodge Dakota. They are just now getting approval to get it painted. They just called me and told me when they were pulling off bedliner that the whole left side is peeling and now they are saying I have to paint the whole bed which will be \$931.00.

I feel that I should not be responsible for this considering this is on a 97 and I feel Chrysler should be responsible for it and paint my whole truck.

Helpful? YES NO



of Bsl/Southport,, NC on March 11, 2000

have a Dodge truck with ~9,000 (nine thousand) miles on it. I don't use it often because it guzzles gas, is hard to steer, the brakes require attention monthly (or don't work), the hubs are staying in four wheel drive, etc. About a year ago I noticed paint flaking off the roof of the cab of my 91 Dodge truck.

I took it to the dealer and they said they had to get in touch with Chrysler about it. After a month I called them back and they said I had to bring it to a local shop that "they send all their work to," for an estimate.

I brought it back and some guy looked at it. A few weeks later they called me and said the cost is \$300 and they would paint the cab providing I pay half. Seemed steep to me.

Lately, whole square feet of paint are peeling from the hood. Called Chrysler directly this time, and told them about it and they said to take it to the dealer and they would "get the district manager involved." I got a call back saying that they would pay \$500 towards the paint job of my choice, providing I did it within the next 30 days (he stressed that, 30 day limit, twice during his spiel).

Better, but that probably won't pay for what it will cost to take it to the bare metal and prime and paint it. The repaint cost is on the order of \$3,000+ to strip the truck to bare metal prime and paint it all.

What I would like is some unbiased knowledgeable third party to render an opinion on what my options are, what my legal standing is, and what service bulletins or recalls might be floating around that may be beneficial to my case. I still want Chrysler to accept responsibility for the paint. (I don't want the "paint job of my choice," I want Chrysler to fix their problem).

Bob is right. \$500 doesn't go far. On the other hand, the truck is 10 years old so the chance of beating big bucks out of Chrysler in court are probably rather dim.

Helpful? YES NO



of San Jacinto, CA on Jan. 29, 2000

I talked to our local dealer to see if there were any recalls on my 91 white Dodge Dakota club cabs peeling paint. It started flaking on the two-inch piece located just above the club window. Now it is coming off the roof in large wallpaper sizes! I fear buying another vehicle and paying so much to have it look like this.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Spotsylvania, VA on Jan. 15, 2000

I purchased a 2000 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab 4x4 in December 1999 and its odometer read 5 miles. Before the actual "purchase", I inspected the vehicle's exterior and noted numerous (7) paint "defects". The defects appeared minor (relating to the clearcoat) and the dealer promised the problems could be repaired. At a later date, I brought the truck to the dealer for the "repair" and informed the service manager of an engine idle problem, a "rattle" in the passenger door speaker, and a "leaky" windshield. They informed me it the truck would be "ready" in 2 days.

On the third day I contacted the dealer and they informed me that the "body shop" needed to speak with me. The repairman at the bodyshop wanted me to inspect the vehicle to determine if the "defects" were repaired. Not only were they NOT repaired, the front bumper fascia was damaged from what appeared to be a low speed collision (the urethane was "gouged" beyond the paint layer) AND the truck's whole exterior had been "polished" with what appeared to be sandpaper.

The truck's paint is filled with deep scratches that are circular in pattern, areas of discoloration, chips and scratches. There are "black" decals that have been scratched to a different color (grey) -- and the dealership says that it is normal for a NEW vehicle to have this. Well, I looked at other new vehicles -- and none of them looked like this. I feel this dealership/body shop destroyed my NEW truck's finish -- and they are not accepting liability.

I spent more than \$31,000 for this truck -- and it's less than two months old. Now, they want to "fix" it, probably by filling in the scratches with wax. it will look ok at first -- but 1-2 months later it will look terrible. What can I do?

[REDACTED] is at least somewhat lucky. The problem occurred early enough for him to hire a good Lemon Lawyer and seek a replacement or refund.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Cape Coral, FL on Jan. 10, 2000

The paint on my 94 Dodge Ram is peeling very, very badly. I just noticed that on the roof the primer is gone and it's starting to rust. I have a phone call in to the dealership where I purchased it. But from other Dodge owners I have been told that Chrysler won't do anything about this even though there are many people with this same problem. I don't intend to beat my head against the wall in pursuing a new paint job. If the dealership turns me down, I will either throw my hat in the ring with the others filing a class action suit or I will go to small claims court. I want to know what the head honchos say about this.

Well, we don't know about the head honchos but the lawyers we've talked with say that once a vehicle is out of warranty, it's very difficult (which means big-time expensive) to try to pin any responsibility on the manufacturer. As for Small Claims Court, it certainly can't hurt to try. If everyone with peeling paint sued Chrysler in Small Claims, it might get their attention.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Ramona, CA on Jan. 8, 2000

I was cheated on my factory paint job on my 1993 Dodge Ram pickup. It was only five years old when it began rusting all over the roof and now two years since then, the hood is rusting and oxidized, a few panels are peeling away and there's no clearcoat left, and the top is smothered with rust. It will cost \$4,000 to fix it and it has been under my ownership since it was brand new and washed and waxed nearly every week.

I am so angry. My mom and I tried to get Chrysler to fix it by providing us with new paint and they refused the case even though the factory openly admitted the paint was faulty. I am a hard working employee at Kragen Auto Parts and a college student at CSUSM and I don't have the time or money for this. I've spent nights crying because my mom worked really really hard to pay for the truck and now its deteriorating before her eyes.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Snowflake, AZ on Jan. 4, 2000

I am the owner of a 1996 Dodge Sport Ram 1500 pickup. Despite the fact that the truck has been well cared for, the paint on the hood and roof is fading very badly. I do not feel that this should be happening to a truck of this age. I have had the truck looked at and it will cost \$760 for the paint to repaint it.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Lake Havasu City, AZ on Jan. 3, 2000

It rained real hard one night and the next morning when I woke up there were "bubbles" under the paint on the left rear corner panel and on the left rear extended cab. I went to rub them off and big pieces of paint came right off!

Since then it has been happening more and more, now it is also on the driver's door, the passenger door, and when the wind blows the paint just peels right off. I paid \$12,000 for a truck that you can stand and watch the paint peel off by itself.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Auburn Hills, MI on Jan. 2, 2000

The black paint on my 1992 Dodge Daytona wore off. The clear coat separated from the paint 7 months after I purchased the car. I could see it flake off while I drove. It wore off 3/4 of the hood, roof, and spoiler. I went to several Dodge dealers who were rude and extremely unhelpful. I wrote to then-CEO Robert Eaton. His representative said the decision to remedy the problem is up to the individual dealers. When I explained I had several dealers evaluate my car with no satisfaction the representative said there is nothing Chrysler can do.

The best offer I received was that Chrysler would pay 10% of the total cost to repaint my car. I was told that to remove the remaining paint, and repaint the car it would cost between \$1500-\$1800. I couldn't believe Chrysler expected me to pay to have a car that was less than a year old repainted.

I sold the car, and I now refuse to purchase another Chrysler product. I also tell everyone I know who is thinking of buying a car not to buy a Chrysler product. Everyone I told my experience to has chosen not to buy a Chrysler product. Since I refused to pay to fix Chrysler's mistake and sold the car my only satisfaction is that I am able to save some people the frustration I went through.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Salinas, CA on Jan. 1, 2000

With only 6,000 miles the air conditioning compressor died. The dealer said that is a common problem and it would take 3 or 4 weeks to obtain a replacement as the plant was out of them due to so many being replaced. I paid over \$27,000 and was never told that I could expect this type of problem or I would have purchased a GM product as I have for 25 years past.

Now in the hottest part of summer I am left without an air-conditioning unit and still have to pay full price and full notes for an inferior product and a company that doesn't provide full disclosure or doesn't give a damn about their customers. I will tell 20 people a day not to buy a Dodge product and ask that they each tell ten people a day.

Helpful? YES NO



of , on Jan. 1, 2000

A friend of mine has a 1998 Dodge Quad Cab 1500 FWD Pick-Up. He recently had a situation that required him to stop very quickly to avoid an accident. From 50 MPH the truck slowly came to a stop. He was able to avoid the accident by pulling into another lane. He later tested his brakes at 50 MPH by slamming the pedal as far as it would go, and the deceleration wasn't enough to spill a cup of coffee. He's taken it to the dealer he bought it from two times, but the braking effectiveness remains the same. The question: Is this braking effectiveness normal for that model truck?

Automan responds:

I will assume that your friend panic-stopped with both feet on the brake pedal and it did not stop by throwing somebody through the windshield. Since this is a '98 model I find it hard to believe that any of the big three manufacturers are turning out a vehicle that stops as badly as the ones I had to experience in the field up until 95-96.

However, the biggest and easiest mistake is the addition of larger tires. It's still a pet peeve of mine -- you spend a fortune on these trucks, only to have the cheapest, and smallest tires come on the vehicle. So you add larger tires, which trick the ABS computer into thinking road speed is slower than it is. Dealer should check ABS calibration against tire size.

Another possibility: It has been two years and somebody might have put replacement non-OEM spec brake pads on the truck, a la Auto Zone. Brake pads have to wear to stop the car. Million-mile warranty is a selling gimmick, not necessarily a good thing for a braking component, that has to wear and create friction.

Check calipers. It's possible that the wrong calipers were installed. Many calipers of different internal specs will readily mount or be physically interchangeable on the outside. Also have them check hydraulic to caliper pressures with correct gauge set. This is a real problem nowadays when you buy aftermarket, rebuilt reboxed at an offshore factory where everything looks the same, and Junior doesn't care cause he is only making a dollar an hour.

Vehicle may have been in a flood. Parts could be frozen, rendering brake pedal hard and thus, no brakes.

If a competent and fully equipped shop does not find anything with any of my notes, then your friend is the proud owner of another truck that does not stop. If enough people complain and/or are injured/killed they may come out with a "do over kit" that on some trucks can cost \$3,000 to \$4,000

Automan is an ASE-certified master mechanic. He runs an independent auto repair shop in North Carolina.

Helpful? YES NO



of N/A, MI on Jan. 1, 2000

I am the original owner of a 1989 Dodge Daytona. My paint is peeling off and the car is waxed 3 to 4 times a year and never driven in the winter. I have heard of other people getting their cars repainted by Chrysler and they were not even original owners.

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#1

04-14-2013, 10:21 PM

Member

Truck caught on fire in driveway

The other night my truck caught fire in the driveway. Fortunately a few good things happened. A neighbor rapped on my door freaking out pointing to the flames. I was home on vacation. I parked the truck a little further from the house than normal to roll the trashcans out. I had a hose coiled up with good water pressure. The truck hadn't run for 5 hours?????? I never realized when you are fighting a fire with a garden hose how much of an eternity it is till the fire dept. shows. A cop told me to back away from my flaming rig when the fire dept. got there. I told him to pound sand until they actively took over. The good news my house didn't catch fire. I thought I had no insurance on the truck as I cancelled collision a cpl. years ago (the insurance company said I had comprehensive and was covered). I am still perplexed as to how it could catch fire after 5 hours of nonuse??????

Join Date: Sep 2011
 Location: elk grove, ca
 Posts: 91

04-14-2013, 10:23 PM

DiESEL
 Senior Member

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

That sucks. at least you'll be getting it covered.

How did the cop take it when you told him to pound sand? lol



Join Date: Jan 2013
 Location: Victoria BC
 Posts: 1,596

04-14-2013, 10:28 PM

#3

Junior Member

Join Date: Feb 2012
Location: Maryland
Posts: 16

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Electrical short? Maybe you left a metal tool near the battery and it slid onto the battery's positive terminal? Sparks will definitely fly if that happens!

Just my \$0.02

QUOTE

#4

04-14-2013, 10:31 PM

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2013
Location: South Carolina
Posts: 691

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Man, I'm sorry that happened. Maybe it was smoldering for those 5 hours. Even tho it's a loss, I'd take that neighbor out for some coffee!

QUOTE

#5

04-14-2013, 10:34 PM

Banned

Join Date: Mar 2013
Location: Byesville, Ohio
Posts: 1,310

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Short . I got one for ya.

My dad bought an 83 full size Jimmy lifted and deck out. 13" lift and the works. Drove it all over hells half acres all night long. He goes to start it the next morning, bam, catches on fire. Fuel line rougthed a way and caught fire with the ignition. But didn't do it for the 4 or 5 hours we drove it?

Anyways, glad you and the family and the house and the cop lol is ok.

QUOTE

#6

04-14-2013, 10:41 PM

Senior Member



Join Date: Feb 2013
Location: SW Chicago, IL
Posts: 126

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

WE NEED PICS!!!!

But, in all seriousness I have seen it happen. I was working on my truck at my fiance's house in the driveway. I was parked next to her dads diesel f250 and was under mine changing the oil... As i was laying there I started to smell fire, got up and began to look around and then i saw the flames shooting out from his grill. ran up to the house and grabbed him and a fire extinguisher! Got it out before it went up totally... Started because of an electrical short on the block heater

QUOTE

#7

04-14-2013, 10:44 PM

Senior Member



Join Date: Jan 2010
Location: So.IL.
Posts: 1,388

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

We've had a few like this where the homeowner will park their truck/car and go inside and a few hours later it burns. Usually its a short somewhere in the dash. Fox body Mustangs are bad about the ignition switch shorting out, had one of those while the chick was driving down the road!

Our lives are determined by opportunities, even the ones we miss.

Quote:

Originally Posted by **432bullet**
I have never seen a Brinks truck following a hearse yet. Just a thought.:)

04-14-2013, 10:49 PM

Senior Member

Join Date: Jun 2012
Location: Hephzibah, GA
Posts: 117

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

What kind of truck do you have?

#8

04-14-2013, 10:52 PM

Senior Member

Join Date: Mar 2008
Location: Iorton VA
Posts: 843

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Ford with cruise control by chance?

#9

04-14-2013, 10:52 PM

Senior Member



Join Date: Aug 2009
Location: Niagara, ON
Posts: 401

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

That really sucks about your truck, just glad that nobody was hurt.

One of our customers cars randomly caught fire several hours after he parked it. The worst part about that was he blamed the fire on me as I was the last one to work on his car the day before....and all I did was install a new wiper blade, while he stood beside me and watched... lol

He sent me pictures and asked how I was going to pay for it.

#10

04-14-2013, 10:57 PM

Senior Member



Join Date: Dec 2006
Location: Tijeras, NM
(Albuquerque)
Posts: 1,976

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Quote:

Originally Posted by ears
Ford with cruise control by chance?

To add on here, there was a recall for exactly this problem that started more than a few fires.

I used to have a handle on life.....but it broke

My detached garage project:

<http://www.garagejournal.com/forum/s...ad.php?t=66932>

USA made high quality large bear claw latches - cheap:

<http://www.jalopyjournal.com/forum/s...d.php?t=620485>

#11

04-14-2013, 11:16 PM

Senior Member

Join Date: Apr 2009
Location: Indiana
Posts: 777

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Quote:

Originally Posted by 38Chevy454
To add on here, there was a recall for exactly this problem that started more than a few fires.

And a recall for the recall as the jumper harnesses were built wrong !!

#12

04-15-2013, 06:00 AM

#13

Senior Member



Join Date: Apr 2013
Location: South Carolina
Posts: 691

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Quote:

Originally Posted by **Fireball027**
That really sucks about your truck, just glad that nobody was hurt.

One of our customers cars randomly caught fire several hours after he parked it. The worst part about that was he blamed the fire on me as I was the last one to work on his car the day before....and all I did was install a new wiper blade, while he stood beside me and watched... lol

He sent me pictures and asked how I was going to pay for it.

No good deed goes unpunished! LOL.....unbelievable.

QUOTE

04-15-2013, 06:14 AM

#14

Senior Member

Join Date: Oct 2009
Location: Bloomington, IN
Posts: 300

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

A truck????? Please Make, model and year would be appreciated.
My 2001 Ford F150 had a recall notice years ago for a cruise control module that could short out and start a fire. This is why when you buy used vehicles you should at a minimum check the recall notices.

Wedge

QUOTE

04-15-2013, 07:27 AM

#15

Senior Member

Join Date: Dec 2009
Posts: 321

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

My 2000 expedition did that. Cruise control problem as others mentioned. Still can't believe they designed that as an unfused application.

QUOTE

04-15-2013, 07:31 AM

#16

Member



Join Date: Apr 2013
Location: Minneapolis Southern
Suburbs, MN
Posts: 55

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

I had an '88 Jeep Wagoneer, when I was playing basketball with friends at a park it started on fire randomly 45 minutes into our game.

"Your Jeep is overheating!" someone said when I looked over to find white steam-looking smoke coming up from the hood. Then it turned black and I saw flames dripping from the front.

Engulfed in 5 minutes.

Battery tie-down was broken, causing the battery to slide around on the tray. It slid into the metal radiator hose fan guard and sparks ignited what was then 18 years of oil buildup on the engine.

QUOTE

04-15-2013, 09:27 AM

#17

Member

Join Date: Feb 2010
Posts: 73

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Quote:

Originally Posted by **stormin**
I never realized when you are fighting a fire with a garden hose how much of an eternity it is till the fire dept. shows.

It feels the same way when we get the tones for a call then get to the station and head out. Yet alot

of times it is within 5 mintues.

#18

04-15-2013, 09:37 AM

Senior Member

Join Date: Dec 2008
Location: Bismarck, ND
Posts: 2,818

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

That isn't uncommon on today's vehicles with all the electrical and electronic devices in them. About 2 years ago, my neighbor's Dodge Ram pickup did the same thing after sitting idle most of the night. Fords are very prone to catching fire due to lack of engineering of the electrical system. The brake fire issue stems from failing to have an engineer that understands what a fuse is and what it does. If you don't fuse a electrical circuit and leave power on it 24/7, you are fool. And, Ford has some true fools in their engineering dept.

#19

04-15-2013, 09:53 AM

Senior Member



Join Date: Jun 2010
Location: Central MN
Posts: 1,919

Re: Truck caught on fire in driveway

Quote:

Originally Posted by [REDACTED]
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I doubt that ford lacks smart electrical engineers. I would guess it was a cost saving. Figure a fues cost 15 cents, they make say 10M vehicles with out those fuses, they save 1.5M on the bottom line. All these choices come down to money at the end of the day.

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* Potential engine fires in 106,800 Grand Cherokees

* NHTSA also explores rear differential failures in Dodge Ram

* 230,000 Ram pickups under investigation

July 23 (Reuters) - U.S. safety regulators have opened defect investigations into Chrysler Group LLC's 2012 Jeep Grand Cherokee and 2009-2010 Dodge Ram 1500 — the automaker's two best-selling vehicles in the United States.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it is investigating potential power steering hose failures that could lead to under-hood fires in about 106,800 2012 Grand Cherokees.

NHTSA also is investigating potential rear differential failures that could lead to rear wheel lock-up and loss of vehicle control in about 230,000 2009-2010 Dodge Ram 1500 pickups.

An NHTSA defect investigation is often a prelude to a vehicle safety recall.

Chrysler spokesman Eric Mayne said, "Chrysler Group takes seriously all customer complaints and is cooperating fully with NHTSA." Mayne said owners of the affected vehicles who have concerns can contact dealers directly.

Chrysler is majority-owned by Italy's Fiat SpA. The Grand Cherokee was the first Chrysler model to be redesigned and released under Fiat's management after the U.S. automaker's 2009 bankruptcy.

NHTSA's Office of Defect Investigation said the power steering hose on the 2012 Grand Cherokee could fail, resulting in power steering fluid leakage in the engine compartment. It said the fluid "may be ignited by hot surfaces in the engine compartment."

NHTSA said it has received one complaint of a power steering return hose failure in a 2012 Grand Cherokee and has identified additional incidents of power steering hose failure in field reports submitted by Chrysler.

The office also said it has received two reports of alleged engine compartment fires in the past month, including one that reported "fluid dripping beneath the vehicle during the incident." NHTSA said the reports "allege severe fires resulting in total vehicle loss with the cause as yet undetermined."

In the Dodge Ram investigation, NHTSA said it had received 12 complaints of alleged rear differential failures resulting in rear wheel lock-up, including "one resulting in a crash into a concrete barrier."

NHTSA said one of the Dodge Ram complaints alleged drive shaft failure in which "the detached shaft end punctured the fuel tank."

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2005 Dodge Ram 2500 Diesel - Catching FIRE!!!

Thu Mar 24, 2011 3:46 pm

erico88

Posts: 1

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When it cooled down he unplug it and notice that the connection are all burtn...

What could of cause this?

RE: 2005 Dodge Ram 2500 Diesel - Catching FIRE!!!

Thu Mar 24, 2011 5:12 pm

mikel

Posts: 38471

Location: DiabloSport World Headquarters

- Website
- never seen such a thing, please rma the unit so we can check it out.

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of Huntingburg, IN on March 24, 2012

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The father pulled up to his dad's to drop him off, took keys from ignition and told his 4-year-old son he had to use the restroom, and to stay with his baby brother who was strapped in his car seat, and that they had to leave and would be a minute. Police determined that 2.5 minutes elapsed when the 4-year-old came into the house and said "Car fired daddy." The dad said, "I told you to stay in the car." The boy opened the door, spun and replied, "The car's on fire, daddy." When Robert ran out, the car was an inferno, the sliding door was locked and flames were shooting 3' out the windows. He went through the flames, opened the sliding door and threw the baby still strapped in the burning car seat clear of the vehicle.

The police determined that the brother had found a lighter and started the blaze - case closed within 14 hours. But my question is, how can a blaze that intense be started with a lighter in 2.5 minutes? There was an explosion as well, blowing all the windows out. This doesn't seem possible. I told the father to keep the van as we need to research this thoroughly. Dodge is giving them a new van (a local dealership). The baby suffered 3rd degree burns to his hands and feet, 2nd degree to his face and head. This happened on 3/21/12 in Evansville, Indiana.

Helpful? YES NO



of Bagdad Ky. 40003, KY on Jan. 25, 2012

Satisfaction Rating

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I was driving my 2003 Dodge Grand Caravan to the store when I heard a loud clunking sound in the rear of the vehicle. The vehicle died as I pulled to the side of the road. When I opened the driver's side door, flames started coming in the car. I got about five feet from the car when the rear tire blew out, made it about 15 feet from the car when it exploded into a fire ball blowing out two of the windows (a matter of 15 seconds since I had left the vehicle). The car was totaled and if my kids had been in the vehicle, they would not have been able to get out before it exploded. Very scary incident. The gentlemen who lived in the house where I pulled in said he heard a loud clunking sound and looked outside to see my van slowing down with large flames coming out the rear of the vehicle. I never had any previous issues with the vehicle before that would have led to this.

Helpful? YES NO



of Baltimore, MD on Nov. 23, 2011

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with Chrysler?

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I just recently lost my job and was heading to a job interview. I pulled up to my destination and was making sure I looked my best. I was about 30 minutes early so I was listening to the radio when a young lady yelled that my car was on fire. I have always had all the maintenance done on my neon when it was needed so I had no issues to why it was on fire. I turned the car off, grabbed my purse and phone and got out. I really look at this lady as an angel because my car was fully engulfed moments after I ran out of it. I now don't have a car because I just took my insurance down to liability because of my job loss. And to boot, it's just before the holidays and no car equals no money equals no Christmas for my five children! And since I have no savings, I cannot afford another car!

Helpful? YES NO



of Grant, FL on July 25, 2008

On 8/7/07, our Dodge Durango was taken to Sunshine Dodge, Melbourne, FL., for a recall of a defective modular bypass that started fires. On 6/20/08, at 4 am, we woke up to a sound of an explosion. We found our 2005 Dodge Durango 4x4 Limited Hemi on fire in our driveway, after being parked there for 12 hrs. Our Lexus was parked on the passenger side of the Durango, and our diesel truck parked in front of the Durango. Fire was shooting out under the hood and still exploding. We were very lucky we heard the explosion - all three vehicles would have ignited along with my house catching fire. We very lucky our Durango was not in our garage. We are very lucky no one was killed while we moved our other cars away from the Durango. My husband was in an extreme danger while trying to extinguish the fire with a garden hose until the Fire Co arrived.

We reported to Chrysler and Allstate Ins. immediately. Allstate had an adjuster come on 6/23/08 and took pictures. They want to settle for \$16,600. Our car cost \$38,000 and we are retired and expected to keep it for a long time. We will NEVER step foot in a Durango again! Chrysler never called us. We had to make many, many calls until we finally got a form letter telling us someone from a different dept. would get in touch. On 6/25/08, Chrysler sent someone to take pictures, and on 7/1/08, we received a short letter telling us after their investigation into the incident and inspection of the vehicle, they found NO indication of a manufacturing defect that caused or contributed to the incident of 6/20/08.

Our Durango is a TOTAL LOSS and still sitting in our driveway awaiting a settlement from Allstate. We have been without the car for over a month. Every time we see the Durango still there, we become very scared and worry what could have happened and we all could have been killed. We are also concerned next time someone could die or get severely hurt. We feel it's not fair we have to settle for such a small amount for our car when they almost KILLED us.

Helpful? YES NO



of Tifton, GA on Feb. 10, 2006

of Tifton GA (02/10/06)

Back in 2001 My Wife and I bought a 1999 Dodge Stratus, within a few months we had to take it in and have a new head gasket put in it. That was the first time. Since we bought this car we have to keep a constant eye on the oil level and water levels. Just last week on 2-3-2006 my wife and Fourteen year old son went to our bank, while my wife was inside, my son who was waiting for her in the car, noticed smoke coming out from under the hood, he yelled out help fire and thank God there was a man there who helped my son put out the fire, his quick thinking probably saved his life and saved the car from completely burning up. Since last week I learned that Dodge is investigating faulty power steering pump hoses and connections which could lead to a fire on the 1999 Dodge Stratus hum....sounds like the problems for real and should be corrected promptly! This should prompt very serious concern from the Chrysler Dodge company, and I hope that they would take care of the matter. Our car is sitting at our local Dodge dealership and we are waiting for an inspection team from the Dodge company to go there and inspect the car to see where the problem started. It has been a week already. we received a letter from Dodge saying it could be a couple of weeks until they have an answer.

Helpful? YES NO

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[REDACTED] of Toa Baja, OTHER on Nov. 29, 2005

On Thanksgiving Day 2005, I was driving with my 74-year-old grandmother, who is blind, to my mother's house. As I was driving up towards her house, smoke started coming out of the front of the car, along with flames. As I started to pull over, there was a popping sound and the power steering gave away, making it difficult to steer any further.

I put the car in park, removed the key from the ignition and got out of the car in order to remove my grandmother from the passenger's side. As I got to her, the car's locks went down, which caused me to panic. I immediately remembered I had the keys and opened the door. By this time there were flames pouring from the top and the bottom of the car. I told my grandmother to hold on to me and start running as fast as she could. She asked me what was happening and I told her, "The car is in flames and can blow up." We started running and screaming for help. Neighbors came out and tried extinguishing the fire. The Fire and Police Dept. showed up and reports were made. My car was a total loss and the Fireman told me these cars have been known to burn up before.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Memphis, TN on Nov. 14, 2005

[REDACTED] of Memphis TN (11/14/05)

My 1997 Dodge Caravan caught on fire in my carport on 11-12-05. (It barely missed burning down my home) I have been advised to file a complaint as vehicles are not supposed to catch on fire.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of New Port Richey, FL on Nov. 8, 2005

1999 Dodge Stratus caught fire while parked. I have no transportation to work and somehow need to get to work to buy a new car to get me to work. Waste of \$2,200.

Helpful? YES NO



[REDACTED] of Houston, TX on June 13, 2005

I bought a Dodge Avenger V6 ES in 2001, it was a 1995, bought it from the dealer. The car was "certified" and I bought an extended warranty for it. In 2002 the transmission blew out and in 2003 the engine gave. Now I maintaince it regularly and have had wheel problems, alignment problems and worst it caught on fire last week which is now a total loss. I was trapped in my car because the electrical went out and I had to break my way out as my dash melted and the entire interior is gone. I will never trust DODGE again. Luckily I had just dropped off my 4 year ols at school so she was not with me. We would have probably died because I would have panicked.

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with Chrysler?

Helpful? YES NO

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[REDACTED] of Lumberton, MS on May 12, 2005

My 1999 Dodge Stratus caught on fire. I had just gone into the First Bank in Hattiesburg, MS when we were notified a car was on fire in the parking lot. The Hattiesburg Police Department notified the Hattiesburg Fire Dept. The car was a total loss.

Helpful? YES NO



of Vancouver, WA on April 4, 2005

I had a 2001 Ram 1500. While driving down the highway, the engine stalled and by the time I stopped, there were flames coming up over the side of the truck. Needless to say, the vehicle and all of my belonging in the truck were burnt to a crisp. Dodge has not offered any kind of help at all. They say it was not a manufacturers defect and that is all they say. My insurance says it appears to have been a fuel pump problem, although there was not enough of the pump left to tell. I have heard of a few fires like this after filling up with gas, which is what I had just done.

Helpful? YES NO



of Dunaway, KY on Feb. 28, 2005

I am paralyzed and live on a farm and one of my dogs got in a field behind my house and was yelping like he was hurt so I headed down the hill in my 2003 Dodge Dakota. I got stuck and was attempting to get my truck free and something caught fire under my truck. I crawled out of the truck on the ground and looked to see what was smoking and I saw a small fire and realized my truck was burning. I called the fire department and the fire was eventually taken care of and put out but not before my truck had burned completely to the ground. My question is why would my truck catch fire, from me just trying to get it unstuck from the mud?

Helpful? YES NO



of Bayamon, PR on May 4, 2003

My 99 Dodge Stratus caught on fire, in the engine compartment, while parked, after driving in heavy city traffic. Chrysler inspected car and denied any responsibility. Last week, my father's 99 Dodge Neon also caught on fire, in the engine compartment, while parked, after driving in heavy city traffic.

Chrysler Corp. in PR are not even returning my calls. I observed that both cars have a plastic or rubber fuel line, feeding the fuel injectors that runs over the engine, and melted away, spraying fuel over the whole area.

My wife and son escaped physical injuries in the Stratus fire, even though they were inside the car when it happened. They got out in time. Car was a total loss.

On the Neon fire, my mother(78) and I were already out, inside a store, when it started. Car is probably a total loss. At this time I cannot put a value on the stress and the fear that we are all going thru. Both cars were bought used. Stratus \$9000, Neon \$5000.

Helpful? YES NO

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with Chrysler?

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of Ft. Hood, TX on Aug. 26, 2002

I had a fire under my 2002 Dodge Ram 1500 Quadcab and it has been determined by Chrysler investigators that Chrysler will repair the damages. However, the dealership service manager has been completely rude and refuses to comply with Chrysler and will not order any parts to fix my truck without express authorization from Chrysler.

This would be workable if he would tell Chrysler all of the parts, but I have spent a week now trying to get resolution. My wife has been without her truck now since 13 August. I do not feel that Chrysler cares about the customer or what they go through.

I now have a vehicle that is worthless for sell or trade. My wife is terrified of driving the truck and my kids were subjected to a situation that could have resulted in the loss of their life and scared them drastically. They not only were placed in danger along with my wife and myself, but had to watch their Dad in a vehicle that had fire under it trying to save his vehicle after I made my wife and kids get out of the truck in New Mexico during the heat of the day and stand bare foot on the side of I-10 while I worked with the truck. My insurance company estimates \$16900.00 in repairs.

Helpful? YES NO

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Terry Box: Freak pickup fire on test drive taught me vehicles don't burn like they used to



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Terry Box

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For a few hours last week, my copper-colored Ram pickup cruised the plains of North Texas like some overdressed Duke of Dallas.

Tall, broad and powerful, the Ram Longhorn Edition offered every option a truck-loving Texan would want: a Hemi V-8, crew cab, etched leather seats, 20-inch wheels, and eight-speed automatic and four-wheel-drive.

Need a hill? The proud, polished Ram could drag one in.

And at about 7 p.m. last Wednesday, it all disappeared in a thick column of acrid brown smoke on the side of the Dallas North Tollway — \$54,335 worth of truck gone in about three minutes.

I was the old hillbilly-looking guy who hopped out of the Ram just south of the Trinity Mills exit and limped away from the truck.

If you were one of the two or three motorists who honked at me, offering what looked to be obscene gestures, I will try next time to stage my vehicle fires in a more convenient location.

But I did come away from this with a clearer understanding of fires in modern vehicles, an extremely rare occurrence.

Nonetheless, they happen, and here's what I concluded after Jordan Towing hauled the charred hulk of the once-handsome Ram away: Modern cars burn differently from old vehicles.

And it's probably wise to respect that.

More plastic under the hood

Open the hood of your late-model car or truck, and you'll see a half-acre of plastic — actual engine pieces like valve covers, caps and containers for various liquids.

Thirty years ago, most of the pieces under the hood were metal and resistant to fire.

New vehicles are also equipped with high-pressure fuel pumps and systems designed to make their fuel-injection equipment more efficient.

Combine all that flammable plastic with what I suspect was a freaky failure in that high-pressure fuel system — I think the fuel line came loose from the engine — and you get an old hillbilly bailing out of a flaming truck on the tollway.

Shazam, Andy.

Here's what happened.

I was headed home from the newspaper at about 6:45 p.m. March 20, sailing sublimely along at about 70 mph in the right, northbound lane of the tollway.

It was about 68 and sunny, and the sunroof was open.

Up to that point, the Ram I was test-driving had been flawless — very serious competition for anything built by Ford or Chevy.

As I approached the Trinity Mills exit, I caught a whiff of gasoline but didn't pay it much mind. My sense of smell is extremely poor, and I assumed it came from an old Chevy pickup in front of me.

Within seconds, though, the Ram began to lose power and speed, dropping quickly to 50, 35 and then to 20 mph.

I headed for the exit, figuring I had some sort of bizarre computer problem and just needed to turn the engine off and reboot everything.

About halfway onto the ramp, I ran out of steam, stopped and turned on the emergency flashers — still oblivious to any potential danger.

As I unbuckled my seat belt, I noticed a gray Ford Explorer a lane over with a young woman gesturing at me from the passenger seat.

██████████ an oncology nurse from Carrollton, was trying to tell me that the Ram was on fire — a fact I discovered as soon as I opened the door and saw flames snaking out of the left front wheel well.

Her fiancé, ██████████ was driving and had realized long before I did that my problems were much more serious than a malfunctioning computer.

"I was in the middle lane probably 100 yards behind you, and I saw cars quickly trying to get around you, like they wanted to get away from you," said ██████████ also 24 and a corporate marketing manager for the Frisco RoughRiders. "I could see flames literally dripping off the truck. They came all the way out the back and seemed to grow and retract, like you were pushing on the gas or something."

When I stepped out of the Ram — admittedly a little dazed — ██████████ and ██████████ had already stopped ahead of me on the exit ramp and urged me to beat feet.

That was a bit of a challenge. I had foot surgery in mid-March and was wearing a heavy, knee-high boot. But I had no problem beating feet.

And about the time that old Hop-Along had made it to a fairly safe distance in front of the truck, I realized I had left my workout bag and laptop in the backseat.

Though it is not something I recommend, I decided to go back for them. I estimate that only about 20 seconds had elapsed since I stepped out of the truck, and flames were already darting furiously from the hood, feeding a growing column of brown smoke.

From time to time, various containers beneath the hood would hiss and pop in a series of mini-explosions.

When I opened the back door to the truck to grab my bags, thick clouds of smoke obscured everything. However, it appeared that the front seats, steering wheel and dashboard were already in flames.

'One-in-a-billion situation'

██████████ and ██████████ had called 911 and directed me to the back seat of their Explorer. We drove to the parking lot of Carrabba's to wait for help and my lovely wife, Legs.

"I was really surprised at how fast that truck burned up," ██████████ said. "It took just minutes."

Fred Diaz, CEO of Ram, was profusely apologetic about the fire — but certainly didn't have to be. I couldn't find anything to suggest that this was anything other than an extremely rare occurrence.

"We take these things very, very seriously," Diaz said. "I've got to believe this is a one-in-a-billion situation. But we've got a team of engineers working on it, and we'll figure out what happened."

As the truck was losing power, I kept scanning the gauges for clues. Everything seemed fine.

The cooling system was still working, the engine had oil, the electrical system continued to function and I didn't have a "check engine" light.

But everything around the engine was apparently smoldering or on fire.

A fire in a modern vehicle burns fast and furiously. What's intact for the moment can be gone or enveloped in toxic smoke in a matter of seconds.

If you're driving and see any indication of a fuel leak, get out of the car as fast as you can.

And don't go back for your gym bag.

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I experienced a car fire myself, in my less than 1 yr old corvette, back in 1989 that car was my pride and joy, I had saved and bought it new in 1988. I had just brought it out of winter storage, was driving on the expressway, stepped on the brakes and some little plastic part broke on the master brake cylinder, spraying brake fluid on the hot engine, POOF! no brakes and my new sports car is smoldering, fortunately I was at an exit next to the sheriff dept, used the emergency brake to stop it right at there front door. \$12,000 damage (in 1989), and 6 months at the dealership for repair, insurance agent said I was lucky I popped the hood, (it wasn't damaged) if the hood would have burned they would have totaled the car. I didn't get to drive my new Corvette till fall. Very disappointing experience after buying my dream car. But I sure love that car, and its still absolutely gorgeous.

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Now that's what you call a hot deal !!!

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Well, I can't speak for truck-loving Texans, but this Arkansan would want at least one more option with a Ram truck -- a fire extinguisher.

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218 days ago

My Silverado caught on fire, I smelled the smoke, pulled over popped the hood and with a rag put out the fire... easy... this was 3 years ago and still running.

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218 days ago

It's hardly one in a billion event. Over 200,000 gasoline fueled vehicles per year catch fire.

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A bike doesn't seems bad.

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Saurabh Jain 219 days ago



Can we have a "you are on fire" light on a \$54,335 truck? One in a billion occurrence, sure, but I wouldn't mind spending a bit more on a safeguarding me and my family against it.

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If this were the Tesla, Elon Musk would now be claiming that the reviewer conspired to have the truck consumed by fire.

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Tall, broad and powerful, the Ram Longhorn Edition offered every option a truck-loving Texan would want: a Hemi V-8, crew cab, etched leather seats, 20-inch wheels, and eight-speed automatic and four-wheel-drive.

Please don't include me in the every option a truck loving Texan would want.....Dodge wouldn't even be my first choice and now I can see why.

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Ok, so your choices are:

Ford - <http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2011-08-01/ford-recalls-f-150-trucks-for-corrosion-of-fuel-tank-straps.html>

Chevy/GMC - http://www.lemonauto.com/complaints/gm/chevrolet_silverado.htm

Toyota - http://autos.dir.groups.yahoo.com/group/Toyota_Tacoma_Recall_Fire/message/1

Get my point yet? Complex machines made by imperfect beings, nothing is beyond the influence of the Probability theory. So instead of grasping on to one incident to support your clearly established preexisting dislike for Ram trucks, why don't you go do some more reading. Perhaps if you had done so more in the past, you'd realize they haven't been 'Dodge' trucks for over 3 years now.

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Rams will always be Dodge trucks--despite the foolish marketing pronouncements from Fred Diaz and a handful of arrogant and ignorant marketers at Chrysler.

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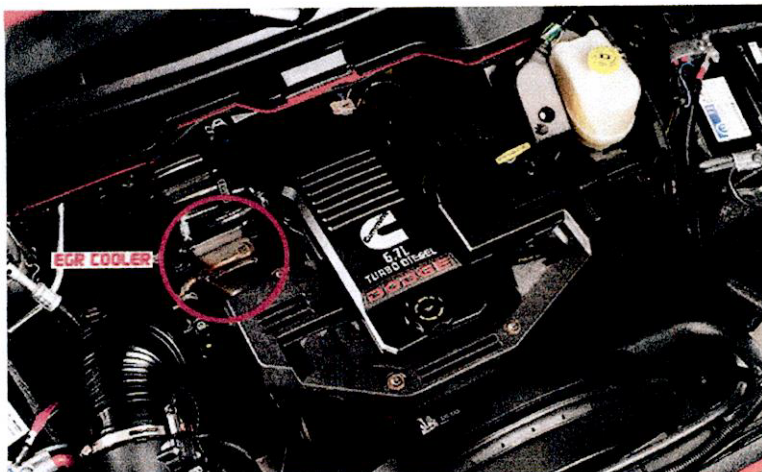
Posted by Mike Levine | December 10, 2008

2007-08 Dodge Ram Heavy Duty Diesels Recalled for Possible Fire Hazard



Chrysler is recalling 108,429 2007-08 Dodge Ram 2500 and 3500 pickups equipped with 6.7-liter Cummins diesel engines after 14 reports of fires caused by sagging noise insulation coming into contact with the engine's exhaust-gas recirculation cooler.

Diesel engines use EGR systems to reduce nitrogen oxide emissions, a major pollutant that contributes to smog, asthma, and respiratory and heart diseases. EGR recirculates a portion of the engine's exhaust back into the engine at a lower temperature.



Readers may remember that early 2008-model-year Ford Super Duty trucks with 6.4-liter Power Stroke diesel engines [were also recalled](#) after three fires were reported. Those particular thermal events were caused by combustible fluids igniting after becoming trapped in the diesel particulate filter, another emissions control device used to virtually eliminate soot from being released into the environment.

To prevent fires from occurring in Dodge Ram pickups, dealers will add a bracket in the engine compartment to support the silencer pad so it won't sag and touch the EGR cooler.

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Fire!!!

OK I am wondering if anybody has heard of this problem.
I had a 2005 Dodge 3500 2x4 automatic 5.9 HO

Thing ran like a dream. Loved that truck. I had no complaints. Went on a trip and used my wife's car because it got great gas mileage.
I left my truck for my wife to use. She drove it for three days back and forth to work 10 miles one way.

Said it was running great!!! (as always) She came home on the third day and parked in the driveway. Brought the trash can up to the house. Walked out to get the mail. And went into the house. She said after about five minutes she started to smell something burning in the house. She looked around and ended up looking outside and said the truck was on fire. ☺

Called the fire department, the neighbor had already called the fire department but the truck burned to the ground before they got it out. Caught the house on fire. Did \$40 thousand in damage to the house.

The insurance company had an inspector look at the truck. The inspector said