



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: EA 02-025  
 Prompted By: RQ01-002  
 Date Opened: 09/06/2002      Date Closed: 06/30/2004  
 Principal Investigator: BRUCE YORK-B  
 Subject: SPEED CONTROL DEACTIVATION SWITCH FIRES

Manufacturer: FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
 Products: 1992-97 FORD TOWN CAR/CROWN VICTORIA/GRAND MARQUIS  
 Population: 1427169

Problem Description: The speed control deactivation switch allegedly develops an internal short that results in an engine compartment fire.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	5	30	35
Crashes/Fires:	5	30	35
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	10	10

\*Description of Other: Warranty claims involving a thermal incident.

Action: This engineering analysis has been closed.

Engineer: Bruce York *BY*  
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 Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: Based on the low rate of fire incidents (2.5 incidents per 100,000 vehicles sold) where failure of the SCDS is involved and the age of the vehicles - 7 to 11 years - a safety-related defect trend has not been identified and further use of agency resources does not appear to be warranted. The closing of this investigation does not constitute a finding by NHTSA that no safety-related defect exists. The agency reserves the right to take further action if warranted by the circumstances.

For additional information, see the attached closing report.

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