



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

## ODI RESUME

INVESTIGATION: EA 02-031  
DATE OPENED: NOV 15 2002 DATE CLOSED:  
SUBJECT: Steering Column Lockup  
PROMPTED BY: PE02-054 (Cheryl Tuosto)  
PRINCIPAL ENGINEER: Cheryl Tuosto

MANUFACTURER: General Motors Corporation  
MODEL(S): Chevrolet Corvette  
MODEL YEAR(S): 1997-2001  
VEHICLE POPULATION: 131,981

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION: The steering column allegedly locks up while the vehicle is in motion at speeds between 5 and 65 mph, causing the driver to lose steering control.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	General Motors	TOTAL*
COMPLAINTS:	198	160	344
CRASHES:	5	24	25
INJ. CRASHES:	3	7	8
# INJURIES:	4	8	10
FATAL CRASHES	0	0	0
# FATALITIES	0	0	0
FIRES	0	0	0
OTHERS	0	24,127	24,127

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER: General Motors warranty claims related to the alleged defect. Note: A total of 46,311 warranty claims were submitted; however, since 22,184 warranty repairs were conducted as part of Customer Service Campaigns 1044 and 1044A, they have been eliminated from the warranty claims count for this investigation.

\* Total counts reflect the total number of ODI and GM incidents with all ODI reports duplicating GM reports counted only once.

ACTION: An Engineering Analysis (EA) has been opened.

ENGINEER: Cheryl Tuosto

DIV CHF: [Signature]

OFC DIR: [Signature]

DATE: 13-Nov-02

DATE: 11/13/02

DATE: 11/15/02

SUMMARY: See attached summary.

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