



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 03-007
 Prompted By: PETITION
 Date Opened: 10/15/2003
 Principal Investigator: ROBERT YOUNG
 Subject: ALLEGED UNINTENDED ACCELERATION

Manufacturer: GENERAL MOTORS CORP.
 Products: 1996-97 CHEVROLET CAVALIER & PONTIAC SUNFIRE
 Population: 50000

Problem Description: THE PETITIONER ALLEGES HIS PETITION IS BASED ON A "REPORT WE RECEIVED FROM GM SHOWING THAT IT HAD RECEIVED 380 COMPLAINTS OF UNINTENDED OR SUDDEN ACCELERATION INVOLVING 1996 MODELS AND 280 COMPLAINTS INVOLVING 1997 MODELS."

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	0	1
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: Conduct an analysis to determine whether the petition to open a defect investigation should be granted or denied.

Engineer: Bob Young
 Div. Chief: Richard Boyd
 Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: On September 23, 2003, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) received a letter dated September 8, 2003 from Mr. Donald Friedman, petitioning the agency to "open a defect investigation into unintended acceleration involving 1996 and 1997 General Motors J-cars" the petitioner's letter alleged that he was aware of 660 reports relating to sudden acceleration. ODI will conduct an analysis to determine whether the petition should be granted or denied.

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