



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP04-006  
Prompted By: Petition Request  
Date Opened: 10/08/2004  
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon  
Subject: Ignition-Park Interlock

Manufacturer: American Honda Motor Co.  
Products: MY 1999 - 2001 Honda Accord With Automatic Transmission.  
Population: 1,200,000 (Estimated)

**Problem Description:** The ignition-park interlock system fails to prevent ignition key removal when the shift lever is in non-park positions, increasing the risk for a rollaway crash.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

\*Description Of Other:

**Action:** The petition will be evaluated for a grant or deny decision.

Engineer: D. Scott Yon *[Signature]*  
Div. Chief: Jeffrey L. Quandt  
Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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**Summary:** Mr. Jay D. Piell, of Buffalo Grove, Illinois submitted a petition to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) by faxed letter dated September 21, 2004, and received by the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) on September 24, 2004. The petitioner is requesting that NHTSA reopen its investigation into ignition-park interlock failures on model year (MY) 1999 - 2001 Honda Accord vehicles equipped with automatic transmission that were not within the scope of safety recall 03V423. Honda conducted the recall action to address an interlock system defect.

The petitioner owns a 1999 Honda Accord with an automatic transmission that was manufactured in April 1999. Due to its date of manufacture, the vehicle is outside the scope of recall 03V423. In July 2003 the petitioner parked the vehicle and removed the keys without placing the shifter in park or setting the parking brake. The vehicle subsequently rolled away into a wooded area and suffered damage to the rear of the vehicle. The petitioner has confirmed that the interlock system is inoperative and Honda has declined to repair the vehicle under the recall action. The petitioner has filed a VOQ report, ODI # 10093469.

ODI will review the petitioner's and any other related complaints and make a determination to grant or deny the petition request.