



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-001

Prompted By: IE 03-070

Date Opened: 01/05/2004

Principal Investigator: Mark Swanson

Subject: Fuel spillage during refueling

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.

Products: 2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer

Population: 280,956

Problem Description: Fuel spillage out of filler neck during refueling.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	10	0	10
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: The preliminary evaluation (PE) has been opened.

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Summary: ODI has received 10 consumer complaints alleging that fuel will spill out of the vehicle's filler neck onto the ground during refueling. This condition occurs when the tank is fueled to full. One report states, "While fueling vehicle, fuel always spills over just before or after the auto-shutoff of gas pump. This happens even though I'm careful that it's coming close to a full tank and prepare for the spillage." Another states, "tested different gas stations pumps thinking that was the cause but it does this at all of them about a second or so after the pump clicks off." The other eight reports indicate similar experience of unexpected fuel spillage during refueling.

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