

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-004

Prompted By: OWNER COMPLAINTS

Date Opened: 01/08/2004

Principal Investigator: Nate Seymour

Subject: HYDRAULIC PUMP SHAFT FAILS

Manufacturer: GENERAL MOTORS CORP.

Products: MY 2000-02 GM 2500 AND 3500 SERIES PICKUP TRUCKS

Population: 660000

Problem Description: The hydraulic pump shaft can fracture causing loss of power brake and/or

power steering, depending on the vehicle equipment.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	19	0	19
Crashes/Fires:	2	0	2
Injury Incidents:	1	0	1
# Injuries:	1	0	1
Fatality Incidents:	0	, 0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION HAS BEEN OPENED.

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Summary: NHTSA has received 19 reports from owners of General Motors 2500/3500 series pickup trucks alleging a loss of power brake and/or power steering. These reports claim fracturing of the hydraulic pump shaft is the cause for the power assist loss. Loss of power brake and/or power steering will increase the brake pedal force and/or steering effort necessary to control the vehicle.

GM has used several different hydraulic pumps for each model year. ODI will conduct an investigation to determine which hydraulic pumps are failing by vehicle model and model year and the consequence on vehicle control.

