



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-032
Prompted By: IE 04-015
Date Opened: 04/06/2004
Principal Investigator: Ali Motamedamin
Subject: Brake Lamp Failure

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.
Products: 2002-2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer
Population: 518,968

Problem Description: Brake Lamp Bulb fails to illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	37	0	37
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: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) is opened.

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Summary: ODI has received 37 reports from consumers alleging that brake lamps are not working when the brake pedal is depressed. The subject vehicles have one brake lamp each in the left and right rear tail lamp assembly and a center high mounted stop lamp. Reports allege that the brake lamp in the tail lamp assembly (left, right or both) is failing. In some cases, repeat failures occur after replacing failed brake lamp bulb. A preliminary evaluation has been opened to determine if a safety defect trend exists.

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