

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Salety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-042

Prompted By: ODI Consumer Complaints

Date Opened: 05/03/2004

Principal Investigator: Chris Lash

Subject: Fuel Pump Leak

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp. Products: 2000-2001 Suburban Population: 206,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The fuel pump wiring allegedly overheats, resulting in fuel tank leakage from

the pump electrical connector or engine stall.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	10	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
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Patality 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: ODI has received 10 complaints alleging fuel tank leakage or engine stall due to fuel pump wiring failure. Six of the complaints allege that fuel pump wiring overheated and melted the plastic connector, resulting in fuel leakage from the top of the fuel tank assembly. Four complaints allege that fuel pump wiring failure caused an engine stall incident. A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope and frequency of fuel pump wiring failures in the subject vehicles and other similarly equipped GM vehicles.

