

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-076

Prompted By: Consumer Complaints

Date Opened: 11/10/2004

Principal Investigator: Peter C. Ong

Subject: Inadvertent Front Airbag Deployment

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp. Products: 2004 Chevrolet Colorado

Population: 93,500

Problem Description: The frontal airbag are alleged to inadvertently deploy when starting the

vehicle

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

| | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-----------------|
| Complaints: | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Crashes/Fires: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Injury Incidents: | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| # Injuries: | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Fatality Incidents: | 0 | - | a 1754 0 |
| # Fatalities: | 0 | 0 ** ** | √. «t. 0 |
| Other*: | 0 | .0 | 0 |

*Description Of Other:

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation (PE) is opened

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Summary: ODI has received two consumer reports alleging that when the vehicle ignition was engaged during start-up, the driver-side frontal airbag inadvertently deployed. The airbag deployment caused injuries to both the driver occupants. Injuries include eye, face and arm abrasions and soreness to the arm and chest areas.

