



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-038
Date Opened: 07/07/2005 Date Closed: 09/13/2005
Principal Investigator: Stephen McHenry
Subject: Accelerator pedal interference

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Products: 2003-04 Mustang Cobra
Population: 18,216

Problem Description: The carpet may interfere with accelerator pedal return following wide-open, or near wide-open, throttle applications.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	35	7	42
Crashes/Fires:	2	2	4
Injury Incidents:	0	1	1
# Injuries:	0	1	1
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	79	79

*Description of Other: Warranty claims concerning accelerator pedal interference

Action: This preliminary evaluation has been upgraded to an engineering analysis (EA05-014).

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Summary: PE05-038 was opened on July 7, 2005, with 11 consumer complaints to ODI alleging incidents of throttle sticking due to accelerator pedal interference with the carpet. ODI has received an additional 24 complaints since the PE was opened. During PE05-038, Ford supplied complaint and warranty information regarding 86 additional incidents of accelerator pedal interference in model year 2003 to 2004 Mustang Cobra vehicles. Eighty-five of these had concerns of accelerator pedal sticking, 70 of which were analyzed as being related to carpet interference. ODI is continuing its analysis of the causal factors in the remaining 15 incidents.

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