



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-007
Date Opened: 02/10/2005
Principal Investigator: Mark Swanson
Subject: Headlights failure

Manufacturer: Mitsubishi Motors North America, Inc.
Products: 2000-2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse
Population: 119,559

Problem Description: Complaints allege that the headlight connector to the harness over heats and melts causing the headlights to stop working.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	14	0	14
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: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

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Summary: ODI has received 14 complaints of headlight failures in model year 2000 and 2001 Mitsubishi Eclipse vehicles. Consumers allege the headlight connector to the harness is overheating and melting causing the headlights to fail. Reports include allegations of right and/or left headlights failing while driving. A few reports mention multiple headlight failures. NHTSA is opening the preliminary evaluation to investigate this issue.

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