



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

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-015  
Date Opened: 03/17/2005  
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka  
Subject: Unprotected Electrical Circuit

Manufacturer: Road Rescue, Inc.  
Products: Road Rescue Inc; 2002-2005 Ambulances  
Population: 250

Problem Description: The circuit that provides electrical power to the patient compartment may be inadequately protected against electrical shorts/overloads.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	2	2
Crashes/Fires:	1	2	2
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) has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka

Date: 03/17/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 03/17/2005

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 03/17/2005

Summary: A New York ambulance fleet notified ODI that they had experienced an electrical fire which filled the patient's compartment with smoke. Allegedly, the fire started in the distribution panel which supplies electrical power to operate the lights and equipment in the patient's compartment. Highly flammable material, such as oxygen bottles are stored and used in the patient compartment of these vehicles. ODI contacted the manufacturer and they reported a second thermal event concerning the same electrical circuit.

This investigation is opened to review and analyze the safety implications of the reported problem.

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**WEEKLY CONTROL REPORT ON EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT CORRESPONDENCE**

March 18, 2005

To: Kathleen C. DeMeter  
 From: Michael J. Jordan *mj*

cc: Alberto A. Jimenez

EXEC SEC Control Number	ODI Control Number	Document Type (Number if available)	Due Date	Author	Comments and Document Status
ES05-000801	10109127	Congressional	02/04/2005	U.S. Representative F. James Sensenbrenner, Jr. (WI) Michael Chmurski	Questioning why 1998 and 1998 Dodge Durango and Dakota vehicles were excluded from DaimlerChrysler's recall of the upper ball joint in 2000-03 vehicles. Assigned to Maria (01/27/05) Draft to K. DeMeter for review (02/09/05) Final to R. Medford for concurrence (02/17/05) Final to ODI for revision (02/18/05) Rev. Draft to K. DeMeter for review (02/24/05) Rev. Final to K. DeMeter for concurrence (02/25/05) Rev. Final to Kamathra for R. Medford (02/28/05) Final to EXE SEC for signature (02/28/05) Final to NVS-216 for additional edits (03/04/05) Rev. Final to L. Oglesby (03/04/05) Rev. Final to EXE SEC for signature (03/04/05) Final to NVS-216 for additional edits (03/11/05) Rev. Draft to K. DeMeter for review (03/11/05) Draft returned to M. Jordan for edits (03/14/05) Rev. Final to A. Jimenez for concurrence (03/14/05) Rev. Final to K. DeMeter for concurrence (03/14/05) Rev. Final to R. Medford for concurrence (03/15/05) Rev. Final to EXE SEC for signature (03/16/05) Rev. Final to M. Jordan for more edits (03/18/05) Rev. Final to L. Oglesby (03/18/05)
ES05-001826	10113117	Congressional	03/08/2005 03/16/2005	U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer (CA) Rosanne Krikorian	Concerning the closure of PE04-021 into reports alleging failure of the electronic throttle control system in certain 2002 and 2003 Toyota/Lexus vehicles. Assigned to Michael (02/28/05) E-mailed Draft to S. Yon for review (03/04/05) Draft to A. Jimenez for review (03/07/05) Draft to S. Yon for review (03/07/05) Draft to C. Love (for J. Quant) for review (03/07/05) Draft to G. Person (for KD) for review (03/07/05) Draft to NVS-216 for revision (03/08/05) Rev. Draft to A. Jimenez for review (03/08/05) Rev. Draft to S. Yon (for JQ) for review (03/08/05) Rev. Draft to G. Person for review (03/08/05) Draft package to K. DeMeter for review (03/10/05) Draft package to G. Magno for review (03/11/05)

EXEC SEC Control Number	ODI Control Number	Document Type (Number if available)	Due Date	Author	Comments and Document Status
ES05-001641	10113007	Appropriate	NRN	Jerry L. Sanders (FL)	Concerning multiple problems encountered with various component systems in a 2002 Chevrolet Blazer vehicle. Assigned to Maria (02/23/05) Draft to M. Jordan for review (03/18/05)
ES05-001817	10113118	Appropriate	NRN	Ashley H. Casey (LA)	Concerning Ford Motor Company's safety recall of the speed control deactivation switch in certain 2000-01 F150, Expedition, and Navigator models. Assigned to Maria (02/28/05) Draft to M. Jordan for review (03/08/05) Holding for upgrade of PED4-078 to an EA (03/09/05)

**Table:**

Phum – indicates §10 - EXEC SEC (Congressional) correspondence (urgent).  
 Red – indicates overdue Congressional correspondence.  
 Black – indicates all correspondence currently under review before EXEC SEC deadline.  
 Blue – indicates overdue Petition, Consumer, and Consumer Group correspondence.