



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE05-037
Date Opened: 07/07/2005
Principal Investigator: Kyle Bowker
Subject: Stuck Engine Throttle

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Products: 2002 Ford Explorer and Mercury Mountaineer w/ 4.0L SOHC V6
Population: 690,049 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The complaints allege that while driving the engine throttle became stuck in the open position causing unwanted vehicle acceleration.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

| | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Complaints: | 15 | | |
| Crashes/Fires: | 1 | | |
| Injury Incidents: | 0 | | |
| # Injuries: | 0 | | |
| Fatality Incidents: | 0 | | |
| # Fatalities: | 0 | | |
| Other*: | 0 | | |

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Date: 07/07/2005

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Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 15 complaints on the subject vehicles that allege the engine throttle became stuck in the open position causing unwanted vehicle acceleration. One complainant alleged that a stuck throttle resulted in a crash. Six complainants report that throttle control cable replacement remedied the alleged stuck throttle condition. The manufacturer issued a Technical Service Bulletin (Ford TSB Article No. 03-10-6) on the subject vehicles regarding a throttle control cable service replacement part design change that requires alternate cable routing and modification to the splash shield.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope and safety consequences of the alleged defect.

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