



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

## ODI RESUME

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

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company  
Products: 2003-04 Mustang Cobra  
Population: 20,546 (estimated)

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

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	11		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
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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Summary: ODI has received 11 consumer complaints alleging incidents of accelerator pedal interference with the carpet following wide open throttle applications. Seven of the consumers attribute the problem to carpet position/design/installation. In addition, ODI observed the potential for interference between the accelerator pedal and carpeting during inspection of a non-complaint subject vehicle.

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

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