



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PB 05-052
Date Opened: 09/22/2005
Principal Investigator: Peter C. Ong
Subject: Sun Roof Glass Failure

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.
Products: 2004 - 2005 Cadillac SRX with Ultraview Sun Roof
Population: 44,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Alleged shattering of the glass sun roof while the vehicle was being driven.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	3		
# Injuries:	10		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

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Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation has received four consumer complaints alleging that the large ultraview sun roof glass assembly shattered while the vehicle was being driven at highway speed. There are 10 reported injuries consisting of minor cuts and scrapes to the hand, arm and leg regions. In a telephone interview with one complainant (ODI #10133823), the complainant and the five occupants were "showered" with small fragments of glass pieces. They went to a local hospital and were treated for their minor cuts. Another complainant (ODI #10133342) stated that his wife and children were injured while "brushing off" the glass pieces from their arms and feet. He also stated that, without warning, the glass had shattered and was accompanied by a loud startling "boom" sound. All complainants reported that their vehicles were being driven on open roads at the time of the incidents.

The ultraview sun roof assembly became standard equipment in MY 2005 vehicles equipped with the V8 engine model while still available as an upgraded option on V6 engine model. Therefore, the actual number of vehicles equipped with this ultraview sun roof may be significantly less than the estimated 44,000 vehicles produced.

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