



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-056  
Date Opened: 10/26/2005  
Principal Investigator: Stephen McHenry  
Subject: Steering shaft coupling bolt

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
Products: 2004 & 2005 Dodge Durango and 2005 Dodge Dakota  
Population: 467,490 (estimated)

Problem Description: The steering shaft coupling bolt may be missing or loose, resulting in loss of, or diminished, steering control.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0		
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 identified several field reports related to steering shaft looseness or separation due to loose or missing coupling bolts in model year (MY) 2004 and 2005 Dodge Durango sport utility vehicles and my 2005 Dodge Dakota pickup trucks. A preliminary evaluation has been opened to assess the scope and frequency of the condition.

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