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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-060
Date Opened: 11/10/2005
Principal Investigator: Peter C. Ong
Subject: SRS Warning Light Illumination

Manufacturer: Porsche Cars North America, Inc.
Products: MY 2003-2005 Porsche Cayenne, Cayenne S & Cayenne Turbo
Population: 40,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Airbag warning light illumination related to side-airbag wiring harness and module electrical grounding

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description of Other:

Action: Open this Preliminary Evaluation (PE)

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Summary: ODI has received two consumer complaints alleging that the supplemental restraint system airbag warning light illuminated and/or that the side-airbag module was replaced. Porsche Cars of North America initially issued a Technical Service Bulletin (TSB) dated 9-3-04 on model year (MY) 2003 and MY 2004 vehicles outlining the activation of the airbag warning light with fault codes of 1217 and/or 1218 requiring the repair of both side-airbag wiring harnesses. This TSB was later superseded by two additional TSBs. TSB group 6, #11/04, dated 9-30-04 adds MY 2005 vehicles to the scope and TSB group 6, #9/04, dated 6-7-05 identifies an additional issue with late-2003 production vehicles having an incorrectly installed ground wire that can lead to a fault type short circuit to ground. TSB #9/04 outlines the replacement of both side-airbag modules, along with the wiring harness repairs as identified earlier in TSB #11/04. In addition, ODI has identified a number of manufacturer field reports on the subject vehicles that were provided by Porsche as part of early warning reporting submission.

ODI has opened a Preliminary Evaluation to investigate this issue.

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