



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-061
Date Opened: 11/10/2005
Principal Investigator: Michael Lee
Subject: Air Bag Crash Sensor Failure

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation
Products: 2005 DaimlerChrysler Minivans
Population: 410,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Failure of frontal air bag crash sensors potentially due to corrosion.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	5		
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 five complaints alleging failure of frontal air bag crash sensors in the subject vehicles. The crash sensors are located behind the front bumper on the left and right side of the vehicle frame structure. The complaints state that the air bag warning lamp illuminated and the dealers replaced the front crash sensors to remedy the problem. In addition, ODI has identified manufacturer field reports on the subject vehicles that were provided by DaimlerChrysler as part of Early Warning Reporting submissions to ODI. The field reports indicate front crash sensor failures potentially due to corrosion.

ODI has opened a Preliminary Evaluation to investigate this issue.

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