



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

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ05-003  
Date Opened: 12/20/2005  
Principal Investigator: Chris Lash  
Subject: Fuel line leakage

Manufacturer: Saab Cars USA, Inc.  
Products: MY 2001 Saab 9-3 built at Trollhattan, Sweden plant  
Population: 11,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Fuel leaks from a loosened fuel line due to failure of a retaining tab at the fuel pump.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	6		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

\*Description Of Other:

Action: A Recall Query has been opened.

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Summary: On November 19, 2004 General Motors (GM) notified ODI of a defect condition that could result in fuel leakage at the fuel pump connections in approximately 17,400 model year (MY) 2001 and 2002 Saab 9-3 passenger vehicles built at the Uusikaupunki, Finland assembly plant between May 2000 and July 2002 (NHTSA Recall No. 04V-557). According to GM, plastic fuel pump retaining tabs holding the fuel lines were damaged during the manufacturing process for some of the 9-3 vehicles built at the Finland plant. GM indicated that, over time, this could cause the fuel lines to loosen from the pump resulting in fuel leakage which, in the presence of an ignition source, could cause a vehicle fire. The recalled vehicles were fitted with a securing bracket to hold the fuel lines to the fuel pump even if the retaining tabs should break.

The Office of Defects Investigations (ODI) has received six complaints from owners of MY 2001 Saab 9-3 vehicles manufactured at the Trollhattan, Sweden assembly plant and not included in Recall 04V-557, which allege incidents of fuel leakage at the fuel pump module that may be related to the defect addressed by Recall 04V-557. A Recall Query has been opened to determine if the scope of Recall 04V-557 was adequate.

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