



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-008  
Date Opened: 02/02/2006 Date Closed: 06/19/2006  
Principal Investigator: Cynthia Glass  
Subject: Fire under the driver's seat

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
Products: 2001-2003 Dodge Durango  
Population: 118,802

Problem Description: A fire may start under the driver's seat

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	5	5	10
Crashes/Fires:	5	5	10
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

\*Description of Other:

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation has been upgraded to an Engineering Analysis (EA06-011).

Engineer: Cynthia Glass

Date: 06/19/2006

Div. Chief: Thomas Z. Cooper

Date: 06/19/2006

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 06/19/2006

Summary: ODI is aware of 10 reports alleging that a fire originates underneath the driver's seat. Six of the fires occurred while the vehicle was parked with the ignition switch turned off (key not in the ignition). The subject vehicles are equipped with manual seats. This investigation has been upgraded to an Engineering Analysis, (EA06-011), to allow further investigation of the issue.

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