



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE06-015  
Date Opened: 04/20/2006 Date Closed: 06/13/2006  
Principal Investigator: Scott Yon  
Subject: Clutch Linkage Failure

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
Products: Model Year 2006 Jeep Wrangler with Manual Transmission  
Population: 6,876

Problem Description: The clutch linkage may fail and result in unexpected gear engagement and or vehicle disablement.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	16	19
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	44	44

\*Description of Other: Potentially related warranty claims.

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation is closed. Recall No. 06V147.

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Summary: On May 2, 2006 DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) submitted to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) a Part 573 report advising that certain model year 2006 Jeep Wrangler vehicles would be voluntarily recalled to replace a defective clutch linkage component. The recall action is identified by NHTSA No. 06V147 (DCC No. F22).

The linkage rod between the clutch pedal and clutch master cylinder can break when the clutch pedal is depressed; linkage rod failure under these conditions results in immediate engagement of the clutch and renders the clutch pedal ineffective thereafter. The 6,876 manual transmission vehicles included in the recall action were all manufactured between 11/3/2005 and 2/13/2006. DCC will replace the defective linkage with a component of a previous design level which has not experienced field failure. The timing of DCC's action has not been determined.

Accordingly, this Preliminary Evaluation is closed.