



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

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-056  
Date Opened: 11/21/2006      Date Closed: 03/12/2007  
Principal Investigator: John Abbott  
Subject: Interior Fire, Passenger Side Dash Area

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation  
Products: 2006 Jeep Liberty  
Population: 147,243

Problem Description: A fire starts in the passenger side dash area while the vehicle is being driven.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4	8	12
Crashes/Fires:	2	1	3
Injury Incidents:	2	1	3
# Injuries:	2	1	3
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

\*Description of Other:

Action: Close investigation. Recall 07V089

Engineer: John Abbott *JFA*

Date: 03/12/2007

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Date: 03/12/2007

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Summary: This investigation was opened on November 21, 2006 based on two owner reports and one e-mail report alleging an interior fire in the passenger side area of the dash panel.

DaimlerChrysler (DCC) has identified a defect in the blower motor of the HVAC system in the subject vehicles and in certain 2007 model year Liberty vehicles. The defect report states, "under certain conditions the heating, ventilation and air-conditioning (HVAC) blower motor may overheat and cause an interior fire."

DCC will recall 149,065 vehicles to replace the original HVAC blower motor with one of a new design.

The vehicles included in the recall are all 2006 model year and 2007 model year Jeep Liberty vehicles built from start of production through August 15, 2006.

See NHTSA recall number 07V089 for details.