



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 06-005
Prompted By: Public Citizen Letter
Date Opened: 12/04/2006
Principal Investigator: Ajit Alkondon
Subject: Engine Stalling FFV Vehicle

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Products: 2003-2005 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable
Population: 228000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Engine Stalling

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	1	0	0

*Description Of Other: Petition

Action: The petition will be evaluated for a grant or denial decision.

Engineer: Ajit Alkondon **A.A.**
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Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: Public Citizen has petitioned NHTSA to investigate the effect of alleged engine stalling while using "E85" ethanol fuel in model year 2003-2005 Ford Taurus and Mercury Sable vehicles equipped with the flex fuel engine option. This engine is capable of operating on either gasoline or E85. ODI has received one consumer complaint and several early warning reporting (EWR) field reports concerning drivability issues in these vehicles while using E85.

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