



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ 06-006
Date Opened: 05/05/2006
Principal Investigator: Mark Swanson
Subject: Instrument panel fires

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation
Products: 2004 Dodge Durango
Population: 129,153

Problem Description: Vehicle fires started from the driver side dash area while the vehicles were being driven and parked.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

| | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Complaints: | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Crashes/Fires: | 6 | 0 | 6 |
| Injury Incidents: | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| # Injuries: | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Fatality Incidents: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| # Fatalities: | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other*: | 0 | 0 | 0 |

*Description Of Other:

Action: The Recall Query is opened.

Engineer: Mark B. Swanson *MBS*
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Summary: On December 12, 2003, DaimlerChrysler notified the agency that it was conducting a safety recall (NHTSA recall no. 03V528) involving certain 2004 Model Year (MY) Dodge Durango vehicles. DaimlerChrysler reported that an instrument cluster circuit board capacitor may overheat, potentially resulting in an instrument panel fire. In January of 2006, subsequent to the recall, the agency began receiving complaints of instrument panel fires on MY 2004 Dodge Durango's. Since that time, the agency has received 6 complaints of fires involving the dash area on MY 2004 Durango vehicles. Three of the vehicles were built within the population of vehicles recalled. However, 3 of the vehicles were built after the recall population. An investigation is opened to determine the adequacy of the recall corrective action and the scope of the recall.

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