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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE07-009

Date Opened: 02/12/2007

Date Closed: 04/27/2007

Principal Investigator: Chris Lash

Subject: Engine Stall

Manufacturer: DaimlerChrysler Corporation

Products: 2006-2007 Jeep Commander

Population: 136,444

Problem Description: The engine may stall without warning. In some incidents, a stall event may occur with a simultaneous loss of electrical power that may result in loss of motive power and lighting.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	76	445	495
Crashes/Fires:	1	1	2
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	631	631

\*Description of Other: warranty claims

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation has been upgraded to an Engineering Analysis (EA07-007)

Engineer: Christopher Lash 

Date: 04/27/2007

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Date: 04/27/2007

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Summary: ODI has received 76 vehicle owner complaints alleging incidents of engine stall while driving in Model Year (MY) 2006 through 2007 Jeep Commander vehicles (subject vehicles). Some of the complaints reported one or more incidents of engine stall with a simultaneous loss of some or all lighting systems, including headlamps. Two engine stalls resulted in a vehicle crash.

In its response to a request for information, DaimlerChrysler Corporation (DCC) indicated that it has not determined the cause of engine stalling in the subject vehicles and that it has formed a multi-disciplinary task force to investigate the issue.

This investigation has been upgraded to an Engineering Analysis (EA07-007) to further assess the frequency, scope and potential safety consequences of the alleged defect.