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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 07-025
Date Opened: 05/14/2007 Date Closed: 09/14/2007
Principal Investigator: Peter Ong
Subject: Trailer Hitch Receiver Failure

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.
Products: MY 2002 C/K 2500 Suburban/Yukon/Silverado/Sierra/Avalanche
Population: 215,000

Problem Description: Failure of the factory installed trailer hitch receiver.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4	31	35
Crashes/Fires:	1	2	3
Injury Incidents:	0	1	1
# Injuries:	0	2	2
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	96	96

*Description of Other: Warranty claims related to the issue.

Action: Upgrade this Preliminary Evaluation to an Engineering Analysis (EA07- 013).

Engineer: *Peter C. Ong* pco Date: *09/14/2007*
Div. Chief: *Thomas Z. Cooper* Date: *09/14/2007*
Office Dir.: *Kathleen C. DeMeter* Date: *09/14/2007*

Summary: GM provided additional data regarding allegations of failure of the trailer hitch. ODI reviewed that as well as other data provided by peer manufacturers. Based on our review, ODI finds the need to further investigate this issue. This preliminary evaluation is upgraded to an Engineering Analysis (EA07-013) for further assessment and study of this issue.