

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Date Closed: 12/11/2007

Investigation: PE07-044 Date Opened: 08/16/2007

Principal Investigator: Michael Lee Subject: Power Sliding Door Opening

Manufacturer: General Motors Corporation Products: 2005-2006 General Motors Minivans

Population: 162,414

Problem Description: Power sliding door opening while vehicle is in motion.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	25	125	150
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	1	1
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other:	0	1330	1330

Description of Other: Warranty claims for replacement of latch actuator, lock actuator and actuator assembly.

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation has been upgraded to and Engineering Analysis (EA07-019).

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Summary:

ODI has received reports that the power sliding doors opened without command while the vehicle was in motion on Model Year 2005 through 2006 General Motors Minivans (Chevrolet Uplander/Venture, Pontiac Montana SV6/Montana, Buick Terraza and Saturn Relay). Some reports indicate that the door may not have been closed and latched before driving away causing the door to reverse (open) at low vehicle speeds. However, other reports indicate that the door was initially shut then opened after driving for several minutes and/or miles at vehicle speeds between 20 and 70 mph.

ODI has upgraded this Preliminary Evaluation to an Engineering Analysis (EA07-019) to further assess this issue.