



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE07-006
Date Opened: 01/29/2007
Principal Investigator: Kyle Bowker
Subject: Engine Compartment Fire

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.
Products: 1999-2002 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP
Population: 71,483 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Alleged non-crash fire originating in the engine compartment.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	21		
Crashes/Fires:	21		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Date: 01/29/2007

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Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 21 non-duplicative complaints on model year (MY) 1999-2002 Pontiac Grand Prix GTP subject vehicles that allege a non-crash related fire originating in the engine compartment. The subject vehicles are equipped with the "L67" supercharged version of the General Motors (GM) 3800 Series II V6 engine. The complaint trend is recent with 11 complaints received by ODI in calendar year 2006 and 7 complaints received within the past 6 months. Eight of the 21 alleged fire incidents reported to ODI occurred in calendar year 2006.

Most of the subject fires (16 of 21) allegedly occurred shortly (about 5 to 15 minutes) after the vehicle was parked and the ignition switched off. Few alleged fires occurred while driving. None of the 21 subject fires are alleged to have occurred at engine start-up which was the subject of a previous ODI investigation (EA02-030) that included certain MY1996-2000 Pontiac Grand Prix vehicles among many other GM models.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the frequency and scope of the alleged defect.

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