

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 07-014 Date Opened: 03/13/2007

Principal Investigator: Ali Motamedamin

Subject: Fuel Tank Leak

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.

Products: 2002-2003 Chevrolet Trailblazer EXT, GMC Envoy XL

Population: 175,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Gasoline leaks from fuel tank.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	33	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

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Summary: Complainants allege that gasoline leaks from the fuel tank as detected by odor, gas dripping from the fuel tank and/or illumination of the "service engine soon" or "check engine light." Some reports indicate that a crack or split in the tank was found at the junction of the fuel filler pipe and the fuel tank. Most of the complainants report that the fuel tank was replaced to fix the leak.

On March 14, 2005, GM issued a special policy for 2002 Trailblazer EXT and Envoy XL vehicles to repair a fracture of the weld on the fuel tank inlet check valve that can cause a fuel leak. Repairs are made at no charge for a period of 7 years or 70,000 miles, whichever occurs first.

ODI has opened this investigation to further examine the issue.