



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 07-019
Date Opened: 04/04/2007
Principal Investigator: Derek Rinehardt
Subject: Front Differential/Driveshaft Failure

Manufacturer: Land Rover
Products: MY 2002 - 2004 Land Rover, Range Rover
Population: 33,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Consumers are alleging failure of the front differential and/or the front driveshaft, resulting in a loss of propulsion and subsequent immobilization of the vehicle.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	38		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
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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Summary: ODI has received 38 Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQs) alleging failure of the front drive shaft and/or the front axle differential. Many of the complainants allege that the failure results in a loss of vehicle propulsion and subsequent vehicle immobilization.

Seventeen of the complaints allege that the failure occurred while driving at speeds greater than 40 mph. Sixteen of the complainants allege the vehicle required towing as a result of the failures. Additionally, eight of the complainants allege that they experienced two failures of the front differential and/or front driveshaft.

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