



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: EA08-020
Prompted by: PE08-031
Date Opened: 08/29/2008
Principal Investigator: John Abbott
Subject: Exhaust Pipe Burns

Manufacturer: BMW of North America, LLC
Products: 2007 and 2008 Model Year Mini Cooper "S"
Population: 20,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Leg burns from contact with the exhaust pipe

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	8	20	28
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	8	20	28
# Injuries:	10	22	32
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: Open Engineering Analysis

Engineer: John Abbott *JFA*

Date: 08/29/2008

Div. Chief: Thomas Z. Cooper

Date: 08/29/2008

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 08/29/2008

Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) opened this investigation based on three consumer reports on the 2007 model year (MY) vehicle. The complainants reported being burned on their legs by the hot exhaust pipe tip while they were removing cargo items from the rear hatch area of their vehicles. The Mini Cooper "S" model has dual exhaust pipe tips that are located at the center line of the vehicle under the rear bumper. The exhaust pipe tips extend beyond the edge of the bumper.

ODI has upgraded this investigation based on information provided by BMW in response to ODI's PE08-031 information request letter. Please note that the scope of this investigation was expanded to include the 2008 model year.