



ODI RESUME

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

Investigation: PE08-026
Date Opened: 04/10/2008
Principal Investigator: Michael Lee
Subject: Unexpected Closing of Power Liftgate

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2005 Honda Odyssey
Population: 25,227

Problem Description: Failure of the gas-filled liftgate struts can result in unexpected automatic powered closing of the liftgate.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	36	36
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	3	3
# Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other:	0	1413	1413

Description of Other: Warranty claims for liftgate strut replacement

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Summary:

During the investigation of unexpected closing of the power liftgates in certain Toyota Sienna vehicles (EA06-020), ODI conducted a comparative study that included collecting the number of complaints, injuries, and warranty claims related to liftgate strut failures in several non-Toyota model minivans, including the Honda Odyssey. Honda reported 36 complaints and field reports on Model Year 2005 Honda Odyssey vehicles equipped with power liftgates, three of which indicated an injury. In the same response, Honda also reported 1,413 warranty claims involving liftgate strut replacement.

An investigation has been opened to further study the alleged defect in the subject Honda Odyssey vehicles.