



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE08-052
Prompted by: IE08-079
Date Opened: 9/2/2008
Principal Investigator: Chris Lash
Subject: PRNDL Misalignment

Manufacturer: Chrysler LLC
Products: 2007 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser (V8)
Population: 4,700 estimated

Problem Description: Gear shift cable may separate from bracket. If this occurs the gear indicator ("PRNDL") may not indicate the correct gear position.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	5		
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 complaints from the Montgomery County Maryland police department (MCPD) describing problems with the transmission control cable in 5 of the 48 subject vehicles in its fleet. In the five complaint vehicles, the cable was found to be detached from its retaining bracket. When this occurs, the gear shift indicator ("PRNDL") will no longer indicate the correct transmission gear position. For example, it is possible for the PRNDL to indicate that the vehicle is in "park" gear when the transmission is actually in "drive" gear. A preliminary evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency and safety consequences of the alleged defect.