



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: RQ 09-001
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 02/25/2009 **Date Closed:** 07/30/2009
Investigator: Peter Ong **Reviewer:** D. Scott Yon
Approver: Richard Boyd
Subject: BRAKE LAMP SWITCH MALFUNCTION

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: GENERAL MOTORS CORP., ISUZU MANUFACTURING SERVICES OF AMERICA
Products: 2004-2006 GM COLORADO/CANYON AND 2006 ISUZU I-280/I-350 PU
Population: 324,547

Problem Description: FAILURE OF BRAKE LAMP SWITCH INSTALLED IN SUBJECT VEHICLES AS RECALL REMEDY (06V-139) MAY RESULT IN LOSS OF PROPER BRAKE LAMP ILLUMINATION AND/OR CRUISE CONTROL ENGAGEMENT.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	9	99	108
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	2,760	2,760

*Description of Other: WARRANTY CLAIMS RELATED TO ISSUE

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: CLOSE THIS RECALL QUERY (SEE RECALL CAMPAIGN 09V-310)

Summary:

ON JULY 28, 2009, GM INITIATED A REGIONAL RECALL CAMPAIGN ON CERTAIN MODEL YEAR (MY) 2004-2009 CHEVROLET COLORADO AND GMC CANYON VEHICLES AND MY2006-2008 ISUZU I-SERIES VEHICLES. THE STATES AND U.S. TERRITORIES INVOLVED ARE AL, AZ, FL, GA, HI, LA, MS, NV, NM, PR, SC, TX, VI AND UT. A TOTAL OF 185,903 VEHICLES WILL BE RECALLED WITH 92,272 VEHICLES WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THIS INVESTIGATION. IN ADDITION, A SPECIAL COVERAGE/EXTENDED WARRANTY PROGRAM WILL BE INITIATED FOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN ALL OTHER STATES.

GM DETERMINED THAT BRAKE LAMP SWITCH FAILURES ARE MORE LIKELY TO OCCUR IN VEHICLES IN WHICH CUSTOMERS USED INTERIOR CLEANERS CONTAINING SILICON AND THAT RESIDE IN HOT GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATIONS. BRAKE LAMP SWITCH CONTAMINATION FAILURE CAN CAUSE LOSS OF THE BRAKE LAMPS OR THE BRAKE LAMPS TO STAY ON CONTINUOUSLY, INCREASING THE RISK OF REAR-END CRASHES. GM HAS REPORTED NO CRASHES OR INJURIES DUE TO THE FAILURE OF THE BRAKE LAMP SWITCH. ODI INITIALLY REPORTED ONE CRASH INCIDENT, BUT LATER DOWNGRADED THE REPORT DUE TO THE ABSENCE OF ACTUAL PROPERTY DAMAGE OR COST INCURRED WHEN THE VEHICLE WAS LIGHTLY TAPPED FROM BEHIND AT LOW SPEED.

THIS INVESTIGATION IS CLOSED (SEE RECALL CAMPAIGN 09V0310).