



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: EQ 09-006
 Prompted By: 09E-044
 Date Opened: 07/22/2009
 Principal Investigator: JENNIFER TIMIAN
 Subject: MOPAR TOW BAR ASSEMBLIES

Manufacturer : CHRYSLER LLC
 Products: 2007-2008 JEEP WRANGLER; VALLEY TOWING PRODUCTS TOW BAR
 Population: 308 (ESTIMATED)

Problem Description: SEPARATION OF TOW VEHICLE FROM VEHICLE BEING TOWED DUE TO FAILURE OF TOW BAR ASSEMBLY

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

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Summary ON JULY 7, 2009, CHRYSLER NOTIFIED NHTSA THAT CERTAIN AFTERMARKET MOPAR TOW BAR ASSEMBLIES IT SOLD FOR USE WITH 2007 AND 2008 JEEP WRANGLERS CAN FAIL UNDER CERTAIN DRIVING CONDITIONS. THIS CAN RESULT IN THE TOWED VEHICLE SEPARATING FROM THE TOWING VEHICLE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A CRASH. CHRYSLER IDENTIFIED VALLEY TOWING PRODUCTS AS ITS SUPPLIER FOR THE ASSEMBLIES.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS EQ IS TO IDENTIFY ANY ADDITIONAL PURCHASERS OF IDENTICAL OR SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR DEFECTIVE TOW BAR ASSEMBLIES AND TO INITIATE ADDITIONAL DEFECT REPORTING AND SAFETY RECALLS AS NECESSARY.