



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE09-016
Date Opened: 03/10/2009
Principal Investigator: Lawrence Hershman
Subject: Saturn Vue Door Latch

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.
Products: 2008 Saturn Vue
Population: 114,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: The exterior door handle sticks in the unlatched position. The door may open while the vehicle is in motion.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other:	0		

Description of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation (PE).

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Date: 03/10/2009

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Summary:

ODI received two complaints that the exterior door handle stuck in the unlatched position and the door opened while the vehicle was in motion. If an occupant is unaware the door is not properly closed, the door could open while the vehicle is in motion and place occupants at risk of partial or full ejection from the vehicle.

The manufacturer has provided reports concerning door handle problems in its EWR submission to the agency.