

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE09-044 Date Opened: 09/14/2009

Principal Investigator: Lee Strickland

Subject: Interior Door Handle Laceration Hazard

Manufacturer: General Motors Corp.

Products: 2007 – 2008 Chevrolet Tahoe/GMC Yukon

Population: 529,700 (estimated)

Problem Description: Peeling or flaking of chrome plating on interior door handles may pose a

laceration risk to vehicle occupants.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	6		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	7		
# Injuries:	7		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

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Summary:

The agency has received six consumer complaints alleging that peeling or flaking of the chrome plating from the base material of the interior door handles may produce sharp edges capable of inflicting laceration injuries to vehicle occupants.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the matter.