

**MATTER #** 1182939  
**FILE TYPE** Legal Claim (Insurance Subrogation)  
**FILE NAME** [REDACTED]  
**CAIR #** 16570752  
**DATE OF INCIDENT** 06/16/07  
**DATE OF NOTICE** 07/31/07  
**MODEL/MODEL YEAR** 2007 Wrangler Unlimited Sahara 4x4  
**VIN** 1J4GA59157L [REDACTED]  
**MILEAGE** Unknown  
**OWNER** [REDACTED] n  
[REDACTED] Oklahoma City, OK [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NA  
**DOCKET #** NA  
**ALLEGED DEFECT** Engine Fire  
**DESCRIPTION** Owners auto insurer states that the owner attempted to pull a stuck vehicle with his Jeep and a fire erupted from the engine compartment.  
**INJURIES** 0  
**FATALITIES** 0  
**ANALYSIS** An inspection<sup>1</sup> revealed that non-OEM tires were installed on the vehicle. The fuel supply line along the right side of the transmission appeared to be ruptured and the origin for the engine fire.

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**MATTER #** 1184421  
**FILE TYPE** Legal Claim  
**FILE NAME** [REDACTED]  
**CAIR #** 16728187  
**DATE OF INCIDENT** 08/26/07  
**DATE OF NOTICE** 09/12/07  
**MODEL/MODEL YEAR** 2007 Wrangler Unlimited X 4x4  
**VIN** 1J4GA39177L [REDACTED]  
**MILEAGE** Unknown  
**OWNER** [REDACTED]  
**COURT** Socorro, NM [REDACTED]  
**DOCKET #** NA  
**ALLEGED DEFECT** Engine Fire  
**DESCRIPTION** Owner stated that he was driving from Truth or Consequences, NM and, while off-road, had towed several vehicles that were stuck in the sand at a lake. He said that as he exited off I-25 at the Dona Ana Road exit and stopped when he noted that his vehicle was on fire. He said he saw smoke from the back edge of the hood & from under the body at the driver door area.  
**INJURIES** 0  
**FATALITIES** 0  
**ANALYSIS** An inspection<sup>1</sup> revealed that non-OEM tires, wheels and suspension components were installed on the vehicle. The vehicle also had a non-OEM audio amplifier that was mounted to the rear seat and directly wired to the vehicle's battery. The top of the underhood fuse center was burned off and the battery showed a partly melted case at the cowl end. There was also a loss transmission fluid. The fluid may have contacted the exhaust while driving providing an alternative origin for the fire.

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**MATTER #** 1200545  
**FILE TYPE** Legal Claim  
**FILE NAME** [REDACTED]  
**CAIR #** 18354349  
**DATE OF INCIDENT** 12/25/08  
**DATE OF NOTICE** 02/18/09  
**MODEL/MODEL YEAR** 2007 Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon 4x4  
**VIN** 1J8GA69137L [REDACTED]  
**MILEAGE** 30,822  
**OWNER** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] Issaquah, WA [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] NA  
**DOCKET #** NA  
**ALLEGED DEFECT** Engine Fire  
**DESCRIPTION** Driver stated that they were driving from their cabin to an aunt's house. They turned around in the driveway and the fire started in the engine compartment.  
**INJURIES** 0  
**FATALITIES** 0  
**ANALYSIS** An inspection<sup>1</sup> revealed that non-OEM tires were installed on the vehicle. The muffler was dented in rear and the tailpipe was flattened. The rear wheel flare was missing. The front radiator core support on driver side was damaged from impact. The transmission clutches appeared to be burnt. The engine oil was low and low and dirty. The fire appeared to originate from the area of the convertor and there was evidence of transmission fluid leak.

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<b>MATTER #</b>	1196869
<b>FILE TYPE</b>	Legal Claim
<b>FILE NAME</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>CAIR #</b>	17981950
<b>DATE OF INCIDENT</b>	Unknown
<b>DATE OF NOTICE</b>	10/09/08
<b>MODEL/MODEL YEAR</b>	2008 Wrangler Unlimited X 4x4
<b>VIN</b>	1J4GA39108L [REDACTED]
<b>MILEAGE</b>	14,790
<b>OWNER</b>	[REDACTED] Pioneertown, CA [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]
<b>DOCKET #</b>	NA
<b>ALLEGED DEFECT</b>	Engine Fire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Owner stated he had been driving for about 2.5 hours and had traveled about 100 miles prior to the fire. Owner pulled into his driveway and the vehicle transmission disengaged and would not move. Owner stated he coasted and came to a stop and parked the vehicle. Owner stated the vehicle was parked for about five minutes and he saw smoke and flames coming from the engine compartment near the right fender well.
<b>INJURIES</b>	0
<b>FATALITIES</b>	0
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	An inspection <sup>1</sup> revealed that 37" non-OEM tires, wheels and a suspension lift kit were installed on the vehicle. The body fender flares were removed from the vehicle. The owner had changed the rear differential ratio to compensate for the extremely large, non-OEM tire size. The transmission fluid was very low and there were fluid stains on catalytic converter and at top of the transmission indicator tube, indicating the transmission fluid may have been the source of the fire.

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**MATTER #** 1196706  
**FILE TYPE** Legal Claim  
**FILE NAME** [REDACTED] (1J4FA241X8L [REDACTED])  
**CAIR #** 17939046  
**DATE OF INCIDENT** 09/15/08  
**DATE OF NOTICE** 09/25/08  
**MODEL/MODEL YEAR** 2008 Wrangler X 4x4  
**VIN** 1J4FA241X8L [REDACTED]  
**MILEAGE** 13,250  
**OWNER** [REDACTED]  
Tulsa, OK [REDACTED]  
**COURT** NA  
**DOCKET #** NA  
**ALLEGED DEFECT** Engine Fire  
**DESCRIPTION** The vehicle was owned by [REDACTED] and rented to [REDACTED] in Hawaii. Mr. [REDACTED] reported driving the Jeep off-road and on the Beach at Polihale State Park in Kaua'i, HI, around 5-10 MPH with the vehicle in 4WD-lo locked in 1st gear. He had the accelerator floored and the engine was running at 3500-4000 RPM's. When he started going up a grade he saw a white smoke or steam outside the vehicle coming from under the vehicle. He stopped the vehicle, got out and looked under the vehicle. He observed a fluid leaking onto the exhaust on the right side of the engine compartment. The fluid seemed to be coming from an area of the transmission or transfer case. He turned the ignition off and then saw flames coming from the right front wheel well area. Mr. [REDACTED] also reported that, previous to the fire event, on the same day he drove the vehicle around the island for approximately 2.5 hours at speeds up to 55 MPH. He reported no performance problems or any other abnormal conditions.  
**INJURIES** 0  
**FATALITIES** 0  
**ANALYSIS** An inspection<sup>1</sup> revealed that there were fluid stains on the exhaust that was consistent marking with fluid falling on a hot surface.

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**MATTER #** 1194156  
**FILE TYPE** Legal Claim  
**FILE NAME** [REDACTED] (1J4GA39167L [REDACTED])  
**CAIR #** 17693566  
**DATE OF INCIDENT** 04/29/08  
**DATE OF NOTICE** 07/14/08  
**MODEL/MODEL YEAR** 2007 Wrangler Unlimited X 4x4  
**VIN** 1J4GA39167L [REDACTED]  
**MILEAGE** 24,059  
**OWNER** [REDACTED]  
**COURT** Tulsa, OK [REDACTED]  
NA  
**DOCKET #** NA  
**ALLEGED DEFECT** Engine Fire  
**DESCRIPTION** The vehicle was owned by [REDACTED] and rented to [REDACTED] in Hawaii. Mr. [REDACTED] stated that he driving the vehicle off-road and up a slight beach sand incline when other occupants smelled oil and then saw flames coming from the right side of the hood area. Other witnesses reported that the vehicle was stuck in the stand ad that the driver was attempting to free the vehicle from the sand when the first occurred. The tow truck driver reported that the vehicle was buried so deep in the sand that the catalytic converter was submerged in sand.  
**INJURIES** 0  
**FATALITIES** 0  
**ANALYSIS** An inspection<sup>1</sup> revealed that the origin of the fire was on the passenger side of the engine compartment. Due to the extensive fire damage, the origin of the fire could not be determined.

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<b>MATTER #</b>	1185069
<b>FILE TYPE</b>	Legal Claim
<b>FILE NAME</b>	[REDACTED]
<b>CAIR #</b>	16797401
<b>DATE OF INCIDENT</b>	09/30/07
<b>DATE OF NOTICE</b>	10/02/07
<b>MODEL/MODEL YEAR</b>	2007 Wrangler Unlimited X 4x4
<b>VIN</b>	1J4GA391X7L [REDACTED]
<b>MILEAGE</b>	8,200
<b>OWNER</b>	[REDACTED] Clio, MI [REDACTED] [REDACTED] 8
<b>COURT</b>	NA
<b>DOCKET #</b>	NA
<b>ALLEGED DEFECT</b>	Engine Fire
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Owner reported that she was about to back up to load a few pumpkins and straw for Halloween decorations. The engine stalled and smoke started coming out from under the hood and soon flames were coming out.
<b>INJURIES</b>	0
<b>FATALITIES</b>	0
<b>ANALYSIS</b>	An inspection <sup>1</sup> revealed that the origin of the fire was somewhere in the engine compartment. Due to the extensive fire damage, the cause of the fire could not be determined.

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**MATTER #** 1181216  
**FILE TYPE** Legal Claim (Insurance Subrogation)  
**FILE NAME** [REDACTED]  
**CAIR #** 16298156  
**DATE OF INCIDENT** 05/12/07  
**DATE OF NOTICE** 05/14/07  
**MODEL/MODEL YEAR** 2007 Wrangler Unlimited Rubicon 4x4  
**VIN** 1J8GA69137L [REDACTED]  
**MILEAGE** 1,100  
**OWNER** [REDACTED]  
**COURT** Montgomery, NY [REDACTED]  
NA  
**DOCKET #** NA  
**ALLEGED DEFECT** No Component Fire  
**DESCRIPTION** Driver stated he was off road riding at Stagg Hill Road in Mahawah, NJ. Prior to the fire the check engine light came on and then the gas cap lamp came on. Driver checked the gas cap it and It was okay. A friend saw fire dripping down from the firewall area. Driver exited and noticed the fire seemed to be on the passenger side of the firewall.  
**INJURIES** 0  
**FATALITIES** 0  
**ANALYSIS** An inspection<sup>1</sup> revealed that the origin of the fire was somewhere in the right side of the engine compartment. The inspector noted impact there appeared to be impact damage to the oil filter. Due to the extensive fire damage, and other damage that was the result of impact(s) while driving or in tow transit, the cause of the fire could not be determined.

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