ODI RESUME

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

Investigation: EQ 10-001
Prompted By: 08E-046
Date Opened: 1/25/2010
Principal Investigator: Alex Ansley
Subject: Ricon 6-Way Power Seat Base

Manufacturer : Ricon Corporation
Products: R1209/L/R power seat bases sold between 1/1/06 and 5/14/07
Population: 1,034

Problem Description: Certain power seat bases may have a poor weld that can cause the driver's seat to detach from the seat base.

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:

Action Open EQ

Engineer: *Alex Ansley* Date: *1/25/2010*
Div. Chief: *George Person* Date: *1/25/2010*

Summary On July 30, 2008 Ricon reported that certain 6-way power seat bases, produced between January 1, 2006 and May 14, 2007, contain a weld on the pivot shaft that may fail due to poor (cold) welding. A failed pivot shaft weld can cause the driver's seat to become detached from the seat base, possibly causing injury to the driver and increasing the risk of a crash. NHTSA assigned recall number 08E-046 to this matter.

This investigation is being opened to determine if proper and timely notice has been given to each purchaser of the defective seat bases, to determine if additional defect notices are required by vehicle manufacturers who may have installed the defective seat bases in motor vehicles (and, if so, to remind them of their responsibilities), and to ensure that proper and timely safety recall campaigns are conducted.