



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

## ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 10-012  
**Date Opened:** 04/29/2010  
**Principal Investigator:** John Abbott  
**Subject:** Sticking Accelerator Pedal

### MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** CHRYSLER GROUP LLC  
**Products:** 2007 Dodge Caliber  
**Population:** 161,000 (Estimated)

**Problem Description:** The accelerator pedal can stick or bind and not return to the idle position when it is released.

### FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	5	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD

### ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** Open Preliminary Evaluation

**Summary:**

The Office of Defects Investigation has received five reports from consumers alleging the accelerator pedal became stuck while they were driving their vehicles. When the pedal was released it did not return to the idle position.

The subject vehicles are equipped with electronic throttle control (ETC). The ETC accelerator pedal assemblies are manufactured by the CTS Corporation. Four of the complainants report that they had found either one or two "bushings" on the driver's side floor. The bushings act as a bearing for the pivot shaft for the accelerator pedal arm. When the bushings are not present the pedal arm can become misaligned and prevent it from returning to the idle position.