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of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 11-011  
**Date Opened:** 04/07/2011  
**Investigator:** Derek Rinehardt                      **Reviewer:** Steve Mchenry  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** FRONT SUSPENSION CONTROL ARM FAILURE

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** SUBARU OF AMERICA, INC.  
**Products:** MY 2002 AND 2003 SUBARU IMPREZA  
**Population:** 84,000 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** THE LEFT OR RIGHT FRONT LOWER CONTROL ARM MAY FAIL DUE TO EXCESSIVE CORROSION. A LOWER CONTROL ARM FAILURE MAY RESULT IN A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	7	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Other*:</b>	0	TBD	TBD

\*Description of Other:

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION HAS BEEN OPENED.

**Summary:**

THE OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION HAS RECEIVED SEVEN COMPLAINTS ALLEGING FAILURE OF EITHER THE LEFT OR RIGHT FRONT LOWER CONTROL ARM DUE TO EXCESSIVE CORROSION. TWO OF THE COMPLAINANTS ALLEGED THE FAILURE OCCURRED AT SPEEDS OF 50 MPH OR GREATER. ADDITIONALLY, TWO COMPLAINANTS ALSO ALLEGED A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL WHEN THE FAILURE OCCURRED.

A PRELIMINARY EVALUATION HAS BEEN OPENED TO ASSESS THE SCOPE, FREQUENCY AND POTENTIAL SAFETY CONSEQUENCES OF THE ALLEGED DEFECT.