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Investigation: PE 11-021
Date Opened: 05/20/2011
Investigator: Cynthia Glass **Reviewer:** Scott Yon
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Shift Indicator Misalignment

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: GENERAL MOTORS LLC
Products: MY 2007 Saturn Aura
Population: 65,105 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Transmission shift cable may fail resulting in unintended movement of the vehicle.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	8	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	1	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	0	TBD	TBD

***Description of Other:**

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation is opened.

Summary:

ODI has received 8 complaints alleging that the transmission shift cable failed. If this occurs, the shifter position and the actual position of the transmission gear may not match, and the Park gear may not fully engage.

Consumers state that:
1. The vehicle rolled away after the passengers exited the vehicle with the shifter in Park;
2. The vehicle experienced unintended movement/acceleration with the shifter in Park; or,
3. The vehicle accelerated in the opposite direction than the driver intended.