



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 11-025  
**Date Opened:** 08/05/2011  
**Investigator:** Derek Rinehardt      **Reviewer:** Derek Rinehardt  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Vehicle Rollaway Allegations

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** BMW OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC  
**Products:** MY 2002 through MY 2008 BMW 7 Series  
**Population:** 120,000 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** Consumers allege rollaway incidents have occurred after parking and exiting the vehicle.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	1	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 a complaint from a consumer alleging a rollaway incident with a model year (MY) 2006 BMW 7-Series vehicle after parking and exiting the vehicle. The complaint vehicle was equipped with BMW's Comfort Access electronic access and ignition system and an electronic transmission shifter with the gear selector mounted on the steering column. The shifter is designed to automatically shift the vehicle to Park under a variety of conditions, including after the driver has pressed the ignition button to turn the engine off.

Early Warning Reporting data submitted to ODI by BMW include field reports describing additional rollaway incidents in similarly equipped MY 2002 through 2008 BMW 7-Series vehicles. Thus far, no cause has been identified for any of the rollaway incidents.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency and causes of rollaway incidents in the subject vehicles.