



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 12-002
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 06/04/2012
Investigator: Steve Mchenry **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Vehicle Stability Assist Malfunction

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: HONDA (AMERICAN HONDA MOTOR CO.)
Products: 2005 Honda Pilot
Population: 142,000 (Estimated)
Problem Description: The petitioner alleges that incidents of inappropriate autonomous brake application and steering difficulty have resulted from malfunctions of the stability control system.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	35	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: The petition will be evaluated for a grant or deny decision.

Summary:

In a letter dated April 9, 2012, a consumer petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to initiate a defect investigation of alleged stability control failures in model year (MY) 2005 Honda Pilot vehicles. The petitioner alleges that, "in the malfunctioning of these systems, steering failures occur and the brakes apply involuntarily." A copy of the petition will be placed in the public file.

The Office of Defects Investigation has identified a total of 35 reports, including the petitioner's complaint, that appear to be related to inappropriate stability control system activation in the subject vehicles. Inappropriate stability control system activation is generally perceived by the driver as inappropriate autonomous brake application, resulting in unexpected vehicle deceleration, and may also include, as reported in a few of the complaints, allegations of steering pull and/or lane departure. The first incident was reported to ODI in 2006. Ten of the incidents have been reported in the last 12 months.

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The compliant numbers for the 35 complaints listed in the Summary are: 10459818, 10453607, 10450564, 10448010, 10447413, 10443505, 10429988, 10427031, 10410421, 10407070, 10399198, 10382911, 10381501, 10380979, 10368257, 10367757, 10366406, 10360371, 10359591, 10351927, 10334571, 10321302, 10307606, 10282189, 10279468, 10270110, 10260943, 10257728, 10257672, 10248833, 10247329, 10213049, 10194731, 10178891, 10158094