



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 12-006
Prompted by:
Date Opened: 10/02/2012
Investigator: Kareem Habib **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Electronic Throttle Body Malfunction

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Products: MY 2005-2012 Ford Escape
Population: 1,600,000 (Estimated)
Problem Description: The petitioner requests a defects investigation into throttle body failures resulting in engine stall or surge.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2	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 August 30, 2012, The North Carolina Consumers Council (NCCC) petitioned the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to initiate a defect investigation of alleged electronic throttle body failures resulting in engine stall or surge while driving in model year (MY) 2005 through 2012 Ford Escape vehicles. As supporting evidence, the petitioner cites two recent complaints of stall while driving in MY 2009 Ford Escape vehicles that were diagnosed as failed throttle bodies with diagnostic trouble codes P2111, Throttle Body Stuck Open, and P2222, Throttle Body Stuck Closed. The petitioner indicates that the owners of both vehicles reported experiencing repeated incidents of stalling and engine surging. In addition, the petitioner states that Ford has "released a number of technical service bulletins that cover a wide range of vehicles and throttle body issues related to hesitation and stalling, including 08-18-2 and 09-23-5." A copy of the petition will be placed in the public file.

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