



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 12-005  
**Date Opened:** 03/07/2012  
**Investigator:** Steve Mchenry  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Stuck throttle  
**Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** FORD MOTOR COMPANY  
**Products:** MY 2005 and 2006 Ford Taurus  
**Population:** 360,000 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** The cruise control cable may become detached and hold the throttle in an open position.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	14	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 (ODI) has received 14 complaints (VOQs) from owners of model year 2005 and 2006 Ford Taurus vehicles alleging incidents of a stuck throttle resulting from cruise control cable detachment.

Complaints allege engine speeds as high as approximately 4,000 RPM after shifting into Park or Neutral. Some complaints report that it was difficult to slow the vehicle with the service brakes during the incident and one report indicated that when the car was finally stopped, it was partially in an intersection after going through a red light. In some of the incidents, the drivers alleged having to shut-off the engine and/or shift into neutral in order to stop the vehicle.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the scope, frequency, and safety-related consequences of the alleged defect.

The VOQs associated with the opening of this investigation are:

10449871, 10444462, 10437732, 10406267, 10403001, 10384248, 10372324, 10370428, 10357731, 10356079, 10352646, 10321690, 10295451, 10291758.