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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 12-026
Date Opened: 10/02/2012
Investigator: Steve Mchenry **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Ignition Interlock Failure - Rollaway

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: 2003-04 Honda Pilot & Odyssey with automatic transmissions
Population: 577,100 (Estimated)
Problem Description: The ignition interlock may fail, making it possible to remove the key when the transmission is not in Park. This may result in vehicle rollaway.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	43	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	16	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	1	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	1	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	26	TBD	TBD

*Description of Other: Rollaway incidents after key removal.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Investigation has been opened.

Summary:

ODI has received 42 complaints alleging failures of the ignition cylinder park-shift interlock feature that allowed the ignition key to be removed without the transmission being shifted to PARK in model year 2003 and 2004 Honda Odyssey and Pilot vehicles. Twenty-six of the complainants allege that the ignition interlock failure resulted in rollaway incidents, including 16 alleging that the vehicles only stopped when they struck an object. Objects struck include fences, a tree, a pole, a landscape retaining wall 600 feet away and a brick mailbox that was struck after the vehicle rolled for 2 blocks. Some complainants allege that their vehicles came to rest after hitting multiple parked cars. One complainant alleged being knocked down as she tried to get into the vehicle to stop it as it rolled and another reported having hurt her knee when she attempted to stop the vehicle from rolling away. One complainant reported that while attempting to stop a 2003 Odyssey from rolling away they were knocked down and their left leg was run over resulting in a fracture of the fibula (VOQ 10476767).

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

VOQs associated with the opening of this investigation are: 10476767, 10465590, 10463995, 10457825, 10452596, 10451185, 10448593, 10446962, 10440040, 10439061, 10439033, 10438611, 10425909, 10403299, 10397920, 10395833, 10395298, 10379673, 10374724, 10365751, 10363501, 10361325, 10358480, 10355331, 10354680, 10354669, 10354390, 10353281, 10351899, 10351489, 10351240, 10349716, 10349612, 10348987, 10348955, 10348725, 10348579, 10348429, 10348389, 10348268, 10331474, 10276072, 10179464.