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Investigation: PE 12-030
Date Opened: 10/11/2012
Investigator: Nate Seymour **Reviewer:** Bruce York-B
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Aftermarket Fuel Regulator Leak

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: PRESTOLITE PERFORMANCE
Products: Mr. Gasket Fuel Regulator Model 9710
Population: 1,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The regulator may leak fuel, increasing the risk of a vehicle fire, engine stall and environmental hazard.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	1	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	5	TBD	TBD

***Description of Other:** Five Internet Complaints, One alleges Fire

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Summary:

ODI received three (3) Vehicle Owner Questionnaires (VOQ) and identified five (5) complaints on internet discussion boards related to leaking fuel regulators manufactured by Mr. Gasket. One owner reported an engine compartment fire. ODI has opened this investigation to further analyze the scope, frequency, and consequence of the alleged incidents.