



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 13-013
Date Opened: 05/06/2013
Investigator: Lawrence Hershman **Reviewer:** Scott Yon
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Loss of Low Beam Headlights

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC
Products: 2005-2007 Chevrolet Corvette
Population: 103,374 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Simultaneous loss of both low beam headlights without warning while driving.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	30	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: Open a PE investigation.

Summary:

ODI has received 30 reports from consumers alleging loss of both low beam headlights while driving at night without warning. The loss of illumination impairs the driver's ability to see the roadway. In one of the 30 reports, a driver allegedly ran over a discarded tire while attempting to pull off the road. Some complainants reported that the problem is intermittent and some reported that low beam headlight functionality returns after a period of time, typically after the vehicle has been parked. The high beam headlights and fog lights remain operational. However if drivers continue driving using their high beam headlights they could impair the vision of other drivers.

NHTSA is opening this investigation to evaluate the scope, frequency, and consequence of the alleged defect.

The ODI reports cited above can be reviewed at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints under the following identification (ODI) numbers: 10400308, 10415867, 10416531, 10421639, 10424391, 10424543, 10445971, 10451733, 10454919, 10460674, 10460750, 10463546, 10466342, 10466857, 10468128, 10469057, 10470616, 10471595, 10474350, 10474368, 10475257, 10486597, 10491670, 10496592, 10496788, 10498100, 10502059, 10505606, 10508507, and 10510052.