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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 13-024
Date Opened: 06/25/2013
Investigator: Paul Simmons **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Inappropriate autonomous braking

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)
Products: MY 2007 and 2008 Honda Odyssey
Population: 343,993 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Unexpected vehicle deceleration resulting from an inappropriate electronic brake application by the Vehicle Stability Assist system.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	22	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: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

ODI has received 22 complaints alleging incidents of unexpected braking in model year 2007 and 2008 Honda Odyssey minivans. Some complaints allege that the vehicle suddenly applies the brakes by itself while the accelerator is being applied, causing the vehicle speed to drop by as much as 30 mph in a very brief amount of time. Five complaints reported that the repairing dealer found a trouble code indicating a problem with the steering angle sensor. Ten complaints report that the dealer was unable to find a trouble code or to diagnose the problem.

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

The VOQs associated with the opening of this investigation are: 10515497, 10507515, 10507018, 10502592, 10497791, 10492387, 10489491, 10486603, 10484441, 10479967, 10472649, 10465329, 10448860, 10445526, 10424749, 10408559, 10405849, 10401245, 10370009, 10367094, 10362177, 10339272.