



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 13-034
Date Opened: 10/21/2013
Investigator: Evan Frings
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Driver's Side Door Fires
Reviewer: Scott Yon

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC
Products: 2012 Jeep Liberty
Population: 79,252 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Driver's side door catches fire during driving or while parked.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	2	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	1	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	1	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received two reports from consumers alleging the driver's door caught fire in the area of the driver's master power window switch (MPWS). The consumers report a burning odor and smoke coming from the driver's door followed by visible flames. In both instances, the driver had to stop the vehicle and exit through the passenger side to egress the vehicle. In addition to the fire, consumers reported erratic function of the windows and door locks resulting in them activating on their own while the fire was occurring. According to a complainant, one of the vehicles caught fire a second time after it was repaired. Both incidents resulted in disablement of the vehicle that required towing.

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 <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID> under the following identification (ODI) numbers: 10504021 and 10459029.