



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** RQ 13-001  
**Date Opened:** 02/04/2013  
**Investigator:** Emily Reichard  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Brake Light Malfunction  
**Reviewer:** Scott Yon

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** General Motors LLC  
**Products:** 2005-2008 Pontiac G6  
**Population:** 550,000 (Estimated)

**Problem Description:** The brake lights may malfunction, resulting in reversed operation. The lights may activate without depressing the brake pedal and/or turn off when the brake pedal is depressed.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	212	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	0	TBD	TBD

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** A Recall Query (RQ) has been opened.

### Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 212 reports alleging that the brake lights do not operate properly on model year (MY) 2005-2009 Pontiac G6 vehicles. Complainants allege that the brake lights illuminate when the brake pedal has not been depressed, or the lights do not illuminate when the brake pedal is depressed. In addition, the cruise control may not engage, or will disengage unintentionally. Brake lights that are not operating properly may not warn a driver in a following vehicle of the braking status which could lead to a crash.

In September 2008 ODI opened a similar investigation into allegations of brake light malfunctions on MY 2005-2007 Pontiac G6 vehicles. This investigation (PE08-054) resulted in Safety Recall 09V-036, which involved 7,927 MY 2005 and 85 MY 2006 G6 vehicles that were manufactured in January 2005 only. The complaints identified for this investigation include vehicles that fall outside of the MY2005-2006 scope as well as MY2007-2009.

ODI has opened this investigation to further analyze the scope, frequency, and consequence of the alleged problem.

ODI reports cited above can be reviewed at [www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints](http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/complaints) under the following identification (ODI) numbers: 10186123, 10198379, 10226647, 10233337, 10237257, 10237443, 10242892, 10242974, 10245994, 10246811, 10247445, 10248648, 10251698, 10252653, 10256146, 10259164, 10259508, 10262510, 10265137, 10267563, 10272554, 10272680, 10274756, 10276198, 10278314, 10280214, 10280437, 10280702, 10281405, 10282601, 10283648, 10283709, 10283872, 10283981, 10284439, 10284739, 10284895, 10287117, 10288681, 10288769, 10290292, 10290754, 10291552, 10292045, 10292342, 10292602, 10293731, 10294340, 10294987, 10296554, 10297002, 10298743, 10311147, 10312295, 10315452, 10315923, 10323819, 10325883, 10331954, 10334393, 10335330, 10336458, 10339070, 10339082, 10339962, 10341313, 10341720, 10341956, 10342135,

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