



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 14-004  
**Date Opened:** 01/31/2014  
**Investigator:** Michael Lee **Reviewer:** Scott Yon  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Inadvertent Side Air Bag Deployment

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)  
**Products:** 2008 Honda Accord  
**Population:** 363,000 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** The side curtain and torso air bags can inadvertently deploy when the vehicle door is shut.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	28	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	2	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	2	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	0	TBD	TBD

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

**Summary:**

ODI has identified 28 complaints alleging inadvertent deployment of the side air bags on model year 2008 Honda Accord vehicles. The complaints indicate the driver-side or passenger-side side curtain air bag and the side torso/ seat-mounted air bag deployed when the driver or passenger door was shut. Two of the complaints reported injuries allegedly caused by the deploying air bags.

ODI has opened this Preliminary Evaluation to evaluate the scope, frequency and consequence of the alleged defect.

The ODI reports cited above can be reviewed online at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID> under the following identification numbers:

10232206, 10235294, 10255323, 10268158, 10268191, 10269514, 10276755, 10279446, 10280675, 10308292, 10319979, 10342520, 10353536, 10408925, 10436506, 10447151, 10458732, 10468196, 10468200, 10493407, 10494971, 10522291, 10524389, 10543092, 10544473, 10545258, 10547591, 10554073.