



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 14-022  
**Date Opened:** 07/22/2014  
**Investigator:** Paul Simmons **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt  
**Approver:** Frank Borris  
**Subject:** Alternator failure

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler Group LLC  
**Products:** 2011-2012 Dodge Charger  
**Population:** 123,000 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** Owners allege incidents of engine stall while driving due to alternator failure.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	14	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	1	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 Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

**Summary:**

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has identified 14 complaints alleging incidents of alternator failure resulting in engine stall while driving with no restart in model year 2011-2012 Dodge Charger vehicles. Half of the complaints involved incidents that occurred while driving at or above 40 miles per hour. One incident alleges stopping the vehicle in a traffic lane with smoke issuing from the alternator.

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

The VOQs associated with the opening of this investigation are: 10606580, 10605090, 10604958, 10597421, 10593284, 10592085, 10588675, 10587141, 10562463, 10559730, 10558580, 10558009, 10551375, 10511407