



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 14-024
Date Opened: 07/22/2014
Investigator: Peter Kivett **Reviewer:** Bruce York-B
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Brake lights inoperative.

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America
Products: 2013 Isuzu N-series
Population: 13,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Brake lights inoperative.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	2	0	2

*Description of Other: EWR field reports

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigations (ODI) has identified two field reports alleging loss of brake lights in model year (MY) 2013 Isuzu N-series trucks. These incidents occurred at two different locations. In both reports the technicians indicated the brake lights were inoperative or intermittently working as a result of cut or broken wires at a wire harness connector.

An ODI investigator spoke with several technicians and inspected vehicles within the scope of this investigation. Although the investigator was unable to witness the alleged defect on a subject vehicle, several technicians reported that they were aware of the problem and have fixed this issue before on N-series Isuzu trucks.

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