

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Reviewer:

Scott Yon

Investigation: DP 15-004
Prompted by: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 06/11/2015
Investigator: Michael Lee

Approver: Jennifer Timian

Subject: Rollover Side Curtain Air Bags

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer:General Motors LLCProducts:2010 Chevrolet TahoePopulation:58,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The petitioner alleges vehicle occupants can be ejected during rollover crashes despite

the deployment of rollover side curtain air bags.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

*Description of Other: Early Warning Reporting Data

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Evaluate the defect petition for a grant or deny decision.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received a petition requesting an investigation of alleged defects that can cause occupant ejections during rollover crashes in certain General Motors vehicles. The petition alleges the defects allow second and third row occupants to be ejected despite the deployment of rollover side curtain air bags. The petition cites a 2011 Texas crash involving a model year 2010 Chevrolet Tahoe, which allegedly resulted in multiple occupants to be ejected. One of the ejected occupants was fatally injured.

ODI's preliminary review of its consumer complaint data found no similar reports of occupant ejections on 2007-2015 Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC Yukon vehicles. ODI also reviewed Early Warning Reporting data submitted by General Motors.

A defect petition has been opened to evaluate the issue and make a grant or deny decision. The petition document has been added to the public file for this investigation and can be viewed at http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchSafetyIssues.

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