



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 15-003
Date Opened: 01/13/2015
Investigator: Kareem Habib **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt
Approver: Frank Borris
Subject: Engine compartment fire

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Chrysler Group LLC
Products: MY 2015 Jeep Cherokee
Population: 50,415 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Allegations of fire or smoke from the engine compartment.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

***Description of Other:** Complaint alleging engine compartment smoke and Early Warning Reporting (EWR) field report data.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received one complaint (VOQ) of engine compartment fire in model year (MY) 2015 Jeep Cherokee vehicles alleging a severe engine compartment fire incident resulting in a total vehicle loss (VOQ # 10672201). The consumer alleges that the entire vehicle was engulfed in flames approximately 20 feet high within seconds of parking the vehicle. The complaint alleged white smoke coming from under the hood immediately after parking the vehicle and while the ignition is off. In addition, ODI has identified field report data submitted as part of Early Warning Reporting that relate to the alleged defect. A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to assess the cause, scope and frequency of the alleged defect.

The following VOQ numbers are associated with the issues discussed in this opening resume:
10670034, 10672201.