

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 15-030 **Date Opened:** 08/20/2015

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Subject: Unattended vehicle rollaway

Reviewer:

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MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

Products: MY 2014 & 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee

Population: 408,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Complainants allege incidents of rollaway after the vehicle has been shifted to Park.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	14	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	5	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	3	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	3	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD
Other*:	0	Confidential	Confidential
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*Description of Other: EWR field report data

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 14 complaints (VOQs) alleging that after being placed in Park the subject vehicles have then rolled away from their parked position. The unintended motion has occurred with both the engine off and the engine running. ODI has also identified EWR field report data related to the alleged defect.

The model year 2014 and 2015 Jeep Grand Cherokee vehicles are equipped with an electronic gear selector (shift-by-wire system). The gear selection is made by pressing the shifter-paddle forward or backwards; the shifter does not move along a gate path as with conventional gear selectors.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to asses the scope, frequency, and safety-related consequence of the alleged defect.

The VOQs associated with the opening of this investigation are: 10733158, 10730952, 10683556, 10679497, 10583366, 10725429, 10715401, 10711893, 10676998, 10668651, 10662619, 10662308, 10605865, and 10567538.

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