

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 16-014 **Date Opened:** 12/16/2016

Investigator: Joseph Oxenham Approver: Michael Brown Vehicle Rollaway

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MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)

Products: MY13-16 Ram 1500 & MY14-16 Dodge Durango with Rotary Shifter

Population: 1,000,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Consumers report incidents of vehicle roll-away after the operator allegedly shifted the

transmission to Park and exited the vehicle.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	43	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	25	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	8	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	9	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has identified 43 complaints alleging vehicle roll-away from a parked position in model year (MY) 2013-2016 Ram 1500 and MY 2014-2016 Dodge Durango. These subject vehicles are equipped with an electronically shifted transmission and electronic rotary control for driver gear selections. The reports alleged that the unintended motion occurred after the driver moved the transmission gear selector to Park and exited the vehicle. Nine injuries have been alleged in eight reports, 25 crashes are alleged. Thirty-four of the reports alleged that the vehicle was moving while the shifter indicated that it was in the park position. Many of the incidents alleged the engine was running, however it was noted as off in a few cases.

Notably none of the reports indicate that the parking brake was engaged at the time of the roll-away incident. Subject vehicle owners, and in fact all drivers, should always apply the parking brake to prevent vehicle roll-away.

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

The ODI complaints cited above can be viewed at www.safercar.gov under the following ODI identification numbers:10554951, 10559744, 10617268, 10648455, 10664380, 10701261, 10726180, 10744809, 10746012, 10746574, 10749304, 10761819, 10764187, 10787674, 10808836, 10820611, 10825024, 10859918, 10860998, 10861070, 10861275, 10861466, 10863765, 10865590, 10870288, 10875626, 10875918, 10883952, 10884961, 10887416, 10896337, 10898192, 10898999, 10899161, 10903709, 10906809, 10907102, 10910068, 10911170, 10914057, 10917680, 10917771, and 10926262.

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