



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP 17-002
Prompted by: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 03/29/2017
Investigator: Abhijit Sengupta
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Engine stall after refueling

Date Closed: 10/02/2017
Reviewer: Scott Yon

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Chrysler (FCA US LLC)
Products: Model Year 2007 Jeep Patriot
Population: 29,573

Problem Description: The gasoline engine may stumble or stall (stop running) after the fuel tank is refueled and may need to be restarted.

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*:	39	0	39

***Description of Other:** VOQ reports identified by the Petitioner and or NHTSA, as of March 23, 2017 that relate, or may relate to the alleged defect condition.

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: The petition has been denied, close this Defect Petition.

Summary:

NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) evaluated this petition by 1) reviewing the Vehicle Owner Questionnaire (VOQ) reports (i.e., complaints) submitted to the Agency, 2) reviewing the manufacturer's response to an Information Request letter the Agency produced, and 3) reviewing the investigative files for two prior Agency actions, specifically PE13-016 and DP14-002, both of which involved the same alleged defect condition and both of which were closed without a defect finding.

Consistent with prior evaluations, ODI has determined that further investigation is unlikely to result in a finding that a defect related to motor vehicle safety exists given the conditions under which these stalls occur. Additionally, and as indicated by the failure report counts shown above, there have been no relevant crashes, injuries or fatalities identified by either ODI or the manufacturer despite the fairly significant service life of the subject vehicles.

In view of the need to allocate and prioritize NHTSA's limited resources to best accomplish the agency's safety mission, ODI is denying petition. A detailed summary of ODI's analysis of this petition is available in the investigative file for this action, and will be published in the Federal Register also.

The 39 VOQ reports cited above can be reviewed at NHTSA.gov under the following reference (ODI) numbers: 10520767, 10582092, 10630009, 10632390, 10655183, 10661543, 10669824, 10679771, 10700955, 10714106, 10721350, 10721565, 10726070, 10749804, 10776405, 10777810, 10783139, 10790325, 10794850, 10817500, 10818793, 10822168, 10823089, 10823234, 10826088, 10836787, 10837871, 10846388, 10850984, 10851905, 10855663, 10862684, 10897450, 10905638, 10914269, 10918942, 10944115, 10944318, 10948386