



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 18-007
Date Opened: 07/16/2018
Investigator: David Baker
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: Loss of Motive Power
Reviewer: Paul Simmons

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Ford Motor Company
Products: 2013 Ford Escape 1.6L GTDI
Population: 127,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: In the subject vehicles, sudden loss of motive power is possible at highway speeds with little to no warning.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	40	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	2	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Injuries:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Number of Fatalities:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation (PE).

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received 40 Vehicle Owner Questionnaire (VOQ) reports for model year 2013 Ford Escape vehicles reporting that the vehicle will suddenly stall without warning while driving. The subject vehicles are equipped with a 1.6L GTDI (turbo) engine. Complainants allege stalling was caused by overheating of the engine resulting in delayed or no restart possible.

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

The VOQs related to the opening of the investigation are:

11101273, 11099177, 11098985, 11097711, 11090850, 11081236, 11080293, 11079643, 11073828, 11071782, 11071718, 11067278, 11066203, 11064611, 11063099, 11062168, 11061468, 11057305, 11048369, 11042246, 11040850, 11024555, 10991584, 10986346, 10985934, 10968888, 10954640, 10950362, 10929762, 10927005, 10926400, 10919100, 10917511, 10898228, 10876113, 10787768, 10714886, and 10679942.

The VOQs related to fire are:

11101142 and 10897049.