



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 20-007  
**Date Opened:** 05/07/2020  
**Investigator:** Steven Posada **Reviewer:** Jeff Quandt  
**Approver:** Stephen Ridella  
**Subject:** Rear Spoiler Upper Cover Detachment

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** LAND ROVER  
**Products:** 2010-2011 Range Rover Sport  
**Population:** 22,274

**Problem Description:** Consumers report incidents of rear spoiler cover detachment while driving at highway speeds, potentially increasing the risk of crash or injury to other road users.

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
<b>Complaints:</b>	2	TBD	TBD
<b>Crashes/Fires:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Injury Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Injuries:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Fatality Incidents:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Number of Fatalities:</b>	0	TBD	TBD
<b>Other*:</b>	1	TBD	TBD

\*Description of Other: Foreign recall 20F-018

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

**Action:** A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

### Summary:

On January 30, 2020, Jaguar Land Rover North America, LLC (JLR), submitted a foreign recall report to NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) regarding a field action initiated in Japan to address rear spoiler detachments in certain model year (MY) 2010 through 2011 Range Rover Sport vehicles (NHTSA No. 20F-018, JLR No. N435). The report states that "Jaguar Land Rover has not received any reports of accidents, injuries or fatalities as a consequence of this issue and has concluded this condition does not present an unreasonable risk to safety in the United States, however, Jaguar Land Rover accepted Japan Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism's alternative view and approved a recall in Japan."

The vehicles recalled in Japan were manufactured at JLR's Solihull assembly plant from July 22, 2009 to March 29, 2011. The JLR foreign recall report indicated that field incidents in Japan involved delamination of the upper cover of the rear spoiler from the main body of the rear spoiler. The company attributed the detachments to assembly variability that may lead to breakdown of the adhesive bond that secures the cover to the spoiler. The JLR report does not identify any differences in the design or manufacture of vehicles covered by the field action in Japan and vehicles built during the same production period that were sold in the United States.

The Office of Defects Investigation has received two complaints alleging incidents of rear spoiler cover detachment in MY 2011 Range Rover Sport vehicles. Both incidents occurred while the vehicles were being driven at highway speeds. One consumer alleged that the detached part struck a trailing vehicle. The complaint vehicles were produced at the Solihull assembly plant on January 17, 2011 and March 15, 2011.

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

The following VOQs are associated with this opening resume: 10984367 & 11192264.