



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 20-011
Date Opened: 07/05/2020
Investigator: Jeff Price **Reviewer:** Gregory Magno
Approver: Stephen Ridella
Subject: 2008-10 Chevrolet Cobalt / HHR fuel Leak

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: General Motors LLC
Products: 2008-2010 Chevrolet Cobalt / 2008-2009 HHR
Population: 614,275 (Estimated)
Problem Description: Metal fuel lines under the vehicle may corrode and leak fuel

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	208	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	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 208 complaints of fuel leaks from owners of Model Year (MY) 2008-2010 Cobalt and MY 2008-2009 HHR vehicles manufactured by General Motors (GM).

The fuel leaks are the result of corrosion of the metal fuel lines underneath the vehicle near the left rear wheel well. The corrosion occurs at the polymer blocks that attach the fuel lines to the underbody and underneath an insulation wrap-heat shield adjacent to the exhaust pipe and muffler. Thirty-nine of the complaints specifically state that puddles or drips were observed. Nine of the complaints correspond to four unique VIN's.

ODI has opened this Preliminary Evaluation to assess the scope, frequency, circumstances, and safety consequences of the alleged defect.

The ODI complaints cited above can be viewed at www.nhtsa.gov under the following ODI identification numbers:

11132261, 11279807, 11196726, 10466899, 11121534, 10470068, 11153475, 10479866, 11246376, 10495997, 11323026, 10532275, 11128754, 10584951, 11144558, 10639088, 11164754, 10671284, 11222353, 10672346, 11255855, 10704760, 11298629, 10706019, 11118459, 10724652, 11123908, 10725469, 11131428, 10745827, 11140063, 10778048, 11151128, 10778398, 11161868, 10779954, 11183484, 10781309, 11210072, 10790272, 11233865, 10819001, 11254354, 10822365, 11266424, 10822806, 11288774, 10823075, 11315981, 10824760, 11114552, 10860426, 11119345, 10888650, 11122058, 10892132, 11124127, 10893550, 11129688, 10895010, 11132002, 10895486, 11133393, 10898564, 11141396, 10907677, 11145003, 10908024, 11152219, 10910058, 11160632, 10916477, 11163125, 10929813, 11176242, 10940071, 11192551, 10954880, 11205331, 10957122, 11221494, 10957170, 11230033, 10967949, 11240484, 10969925, 11253193, 10971091, 11255596, 10981458, 11256712, 10984800, 11277635, 10992742, 11281631, 10994510, 11290483, 11005838, 11303064, 11011645, 11320239, 11012757, 11112985, 11014847, 11115395, 11015482, 11118591, 11016082, 11119875, 11016221,

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