



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

# ODI RESUME

**Investigation:** PE 23-008  
**Date Opened:** 05/01/2023  
**Investigator:** Daniel Pinero  
**Approver:** Stephen Ridella  
**Subject:** Vehicle Entrapment  
**Reviewer:** Bruce York-B

## MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

**Manufacturer:** Chrysler (FCA US, LLC)  
**Products:** 2009 Dodge Journey  
**Population:** 82,527 (Estimated)  
**Problem Description:** Inoperative door locks and windows may prevent vehicle occupants from exiting the vehicle during an emergency

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

## ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

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

### Summary:

In January 2023, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) became aware of a vehicle entrapment incident involving a 2009 Dodge Journey that took place on December 9, 2022. The incident report alleges the driver of the vehicle pulled to the side of the roadway after experiencing various electrical malfunctions, including inoperative door locks and windows. Shortly thereafter, the vehicle caught fire and the driver was unable to exit the vehicle, resulting in her death. Since learning of this incident, ODI has started collecting information to determine if a vehicle defect may have caused the alleged entrapment and has decided that an investigation is warranted.

The ODI report cited above can be reviewed at <http://www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/owners/SearchNHTSAID> using the follow complaint identification number: 11508217