U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP26014
Prompted By: Defect Petition
Date Opened: 11/19/2026
Investigator: Arnaldo Torres Diaz Reviewer: Bruce York
Approver: Tanya Topka
Subject: Potential Failure in Interlock 1001A Could Lead to a Loss of Motive Power and Distracted Driving

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: Intoxalock
Products: Model 1001A Ignition Interlock
Population: 150,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: The Petitioner alleges that mouthpieces can detach and devices can fail to register breath samples during rolling retests, distracting drivers while vehicles are in motion. The Petition also alleges excessive electrical current consumption while vehicles are turned off, resulting in battery depletion, no-start conditions, and allegedly stranding in extreme temperatures. Furthermore, the Petitioner also alleges hardware, software, and manufacturing deficiencies.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	EWR D&I	Other	Total	EWR Field Reports
All Incidents:	1	0	0	0	1*	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0	0	0	0

*Total eliminates duplicates received by the manufacturer

ACTION/SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open Defect Petition

Summary:

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) received a petition dated August 11, 2026, from David Lazarus on behalf of IntoxaLockedOut. The petition requests an investigation into alleged safety defects in Intoxalock Model 1001A breathalyzer ignition interlock devices (BIID) manufactured by Consumer Safety Technology, LLC.

The Petitioner alleges that breathalyzer mouthpieces can detach and the BIID can fail to register the breath samples during rolling retests, distracting drivers while vehicles are in motion. The Petitioner also alleges

excessive BIID electrical current consumption while vehicles are turned off, resulting in battery depletion that causes a no-start condition that can strand occupants in extreme temperatures.

The petitioner further cites consumer accounts alleging engine stalling while driving, loss of steering and braking assistance, and delayed restart. The cited accounts include crashes and near-crashes that consumers attribute to engine shutdown or distracted driving during retesting. The Petitioner also alleges hardware, software, and manufacturing deficiencies that may contribute to the reported malfunctions and requests a safety recall.

ODI will review the information submitted by the Petitioner and other relevant information to assess the alleged failures and their potential safety consequences under 49 CFR Part 552. This Defect Petition is being opened to determine whether to grant or deny the Petition. The Petition can be viewed at NHTSA.gov under NHTSA ID11755577.