



U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire

To Report Vehicle Safety Defects

1-888-DASH-2-DOT 203 OCT - 1 PM 10:38
(1-888-327-4238)

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10039696

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name

Address

City

CYPRESS

State TX

Zip Code

Daytime Telephone Number

E-mail Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☒ NO
In the absence of an authorized signature, provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date 9/10/03

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side

4P5GF402331052278

Make

PJ TRAILER

Model

GOOSENECK

Model Year

2003

Date Purchased

5/28/03

Dealer's Name and Telephone Number

Aleo Trailers Sales

Engine:

No: Cylinders

Fuel Type:

Original Owner

☐

Dealer's City

Houston, TX

State

TX

Zip Code

Transmission Type

☐ Antilock Brakes

☐ Cruise Control

Powertrain

Vehicle Component Code

20000 WHEELS

Multiple Failures: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s)

09-SEP-2003

Failure Mileage

8000

Failure Speed

0-70

Tire Air Pressure steadily decreased while moving while sitting

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make

HANKANG

Tire Model (Name or Number)

HANKANG

Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)

LT235/85R16

DOT No. (Example: DOTM18ABC036)

☒ Original Equipment

☐ Prior Repair

Failure Location: Texas & Louisiana

Tire Component Code

20000 WHEELS

Tire Failure Type: wheels lost air from wheel construction welds

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make:

Date Manufactured:

Model No./Name:

Seat Type:

Installation System:

Child Seat Component Code:

Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe incident, the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash

☐ Yes ☒ No

Fire

☐ Yes ☒ No

Number of Persons Injured

0

Number of Deaths

0

Reported to Police

N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure. i.e., parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

CONSUMER STATES THAT WHEEL WELDS ARE LEAKING AIR, AND CAUSING THE TRAILER TIRES TO GO FLAT. IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER THE TRAILER IS SITTING OR MOVING, THE AIR COMES OUT. HANKANG TIRES, RADIAL, HT SUPER, LT 235 85R16. TIRES HAVE APPROXIMATELY 8000-10000 MILES ON THEM. CONSUMER WAS TOLD THAT MANUFACTURER KNEW ABOUT THIS PROBLEM, BUT REFUSED TO DO ANYTHING ABOUT IT. *AK

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

P.S. 9/22/03 6:30 PM loaded 6000# Load on Trailer and took home to eat before leaving for
Delaware to Shreveport, La. Tomorrow checked Trailer and wheels found one Low Tire - Took to Repair
Shop and found 9th Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Noticed one Tire was losing air but after setting overnite found Tire Flat. Took to be checked and repaired
at Repair shop found Tire ok; but wheel leaking air from construction weld. Trailer Sales worker replaced
wheel and Tire. This was about 3-4 weeks after purchase of Trailer. About a month later had problem with
2 more wheels which which Trailer sales owner replaced them with 2 used wheels and had me get tires
changed at Discount Tire and brought back to Alco. He said if I wanted he would change out all wheels
on Trailer with other wheels. I said could he guarantee me other wheels would be ok since they were
from same batch ordered. He said NO. His help found 2 more missing on one wheel and other on 1st
and appeared was trying to steal wheel. I had checked Trailer and wheels earlier and all ok, but stopped at
Truck stop for lunch before going to Alco Trailer Sales. Since that time carefully checking tires wheels in mot.
3rd incident. Went to home with 10000# load on 40' Trailer w/ 2-12000# AXLES. Check Tires wheels enrt before
leaving all ok. Stopped once in La. to get fuel which was approx 75' from Fuel Park. to Trailer. Visible
fuel lines and left Truck stop to deliver. Load about 60 miles away, got approx 45 miles from drop location
and 2 more wheels came off. Passengers side at approx 45 MPH as looking for. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY
Delivery Address found 1 Tire wheel other one wheel missing in creek after other Trailer Driver who stopped
and by itself looked about 2 hrs for it. Struck wheel all broken off wheel cap came gone. Got repaired at Trailer Sales. Repair Sales
about 25 miles away. Reported to Alco Trailer owner and he was doing nothing more.

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