



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  
(1-888 327-4236)  
INTERNET:www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [Redacted]  
Address: [Redacted]  
City: MOHAVE VALLEY State: AZ Zip Code: [Redacted]

Daytime Telephone Number: [Redacted] 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 authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.  
Signature of Owner: [Redacted] Date: / /

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit vehicle identification number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 47CTW0N273 [Redacted]  
Make: DUTCHMEN Model: CLASSIC Model Year: 2003  
Type: *Travel Trailer*  
Date Purchased: 23-JAN-03 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: *Pro's Reproductions, Inc. 214-537-0700*  
Original Owner:  Dealer's City: *Doshan, Indiana* State: *Ind.* Zip Code: *46528*  
Transmission Type:  Antilock Brakes  Cruise Control Powertrain:  
Vehicle Component Code: 351400 EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG LINES AND FITTI  
Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 10-14-03 Failure Mileage: 3500 Failure Speed: 60 MPH  
*Tires failed causing the problem. The tires were mangled out of the right of trailer.*

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: *Carlisle* Tire Model (Name or Number): *Trailer tires* Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) 6": *ST205/75R15*  
DOT No. (Example: DOTM1ALBABC036)  Original Equipment  Prior Repair Failure Location: *Raton, NM*  
Tire Component Code: Tire Failure Type: *blow out*

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 in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(es).)

Crash:  Yes  No Fire:  Yes  No  
Number of Persons Injured: Number of Deaths: Reported to Police: N

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

TRAILER WAS MANUFACTURED WITH SOFT COPPER PROPANE LINES INSIDE THE WHEEL WELD. VEHICLE SUFFERED A BLOW OUT, WHICH BLEW OUT THE REFRIGERATOR, HEAT AND WATER HEATER. CONSUMER STATED THAT DEALER TOLD HIM IT COULD HAVE CAUSED AN EXPLOSION. \*AK

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Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-502 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.

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

Tire on house trailer spun out at approx 60 mi per hour when the cap came off of the wheel. it tore out all propane lines (pictures enclosed) that was installed in wheel wells by manufacturer in a most dangerous location. I had the explis done in letter number 100 and the man doing the work said I would have more trouble with tires and that I was lucky that the trailer didn't blow up with escaping propane and the sparks from the tire cap coming off the wheel. the picture enclosed show the replaced propane lines and their location in the wheel well.

I have had a man recoute the propane lines as they are not in the wheel well any longer. The only could have done the same thing when they are using margined tires.

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