



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
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City HARLEM State GA 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 _____ Date 1/1

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 4TCFDJ52 [REDACTED]
Make: DUTCHMEN Model: TRAILER Model Year: 2004
Date Purchased: 14-OCT-05 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: TOWN AND COUNTRY RV CENTER 706-308-9228
Engine: No: Cylinders Fuel Type:
Original Owner Dealer's City: APPLING State: GA Zip Code: 30802
Transmission Type: Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain: Vehicle Component Code: 350000 EQUIPMENT
Multiple Failure:

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 18-OCT-2005 Failure Mileage: Failure Speed:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: CARLISLE Tire Model (Name or Number): CARLISLE Tire Size (Example P215/B5R15): LT 235/85R18
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC098): 3EGR Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure location:
Tire Component Code: 191000 TIRES:TREAD/BELT Tire Failure Type: BLOWOUT

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(ies).)

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(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).

DT: THE CONTACT HAD A PROBLEM WITH TRAVEL TRAILER. WHILE USING THE TRAILER THERE WAS A FAILURE ON THE RIGHT FRONT TIRE. THE FRONT TIRE WAS RUBBING AGAINST THE REAR TIRE. THIS CAUSED THE TIRE TO BLOW OUT, AND THE TREAD TO SEPARATE. HE REPLACED THE TIRE WITH A SPARE TIRE UNTIL HE COULD REACH A TIRE DEALER. THE TIRE DEALER ADVISED HIM THAT THE OTHER TIRES WERE ABOUT TO DO THE SAME THING. WHEN HE CONTACTED THE TIRE MANUFACTURER, THEY SAID THERE WAS NO WARRANTY ON THE TIRES AND THERE WAS NOTHING THEY COULD DO. THE CONTACT HAD ANOTHER SAFETY CONCERN WITH THE TRAILER. WHILE REPLACING THE TIRES IT WAS FOUND THERE WAS A SOFT COPPER TUBING THAT WENT THROUGH THE WHEEL WELL. THIS TUBING CONNECTED THE GAS LINE TO THE WATER HEATER. THERE WAS NO SHIELD OR COVERING FOR THIS TUBING, SO IT WAS LEFT EXPOSED. HAS NOT CONTACTED THE SERVICE DEALER OR THE MANUFACTURER TO INFORM THEM OF THIS CONCERN.*AK

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

I have since advised this RV dealership (Travel Country RV.) of my concerns about the safety issues. Both the tire manufacturer (CARLIFE) + RV dealer showed almost no concern of the problem. I had to replace all four tires + AAS since repaired + relocated the gas lines away from the wheel well. I have enclosed photos

NOTE: while the camper trailer is in tow the refrigerator is in operation + LP GAS is turned ON. This could have caused a fire had the gas tubing been torn into.

Please advise manufacturers of these issues + make sure someone else of a more serious mishap similarly: [redacted]

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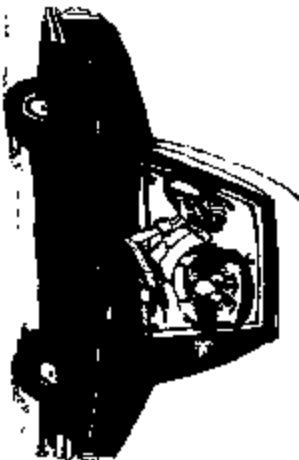
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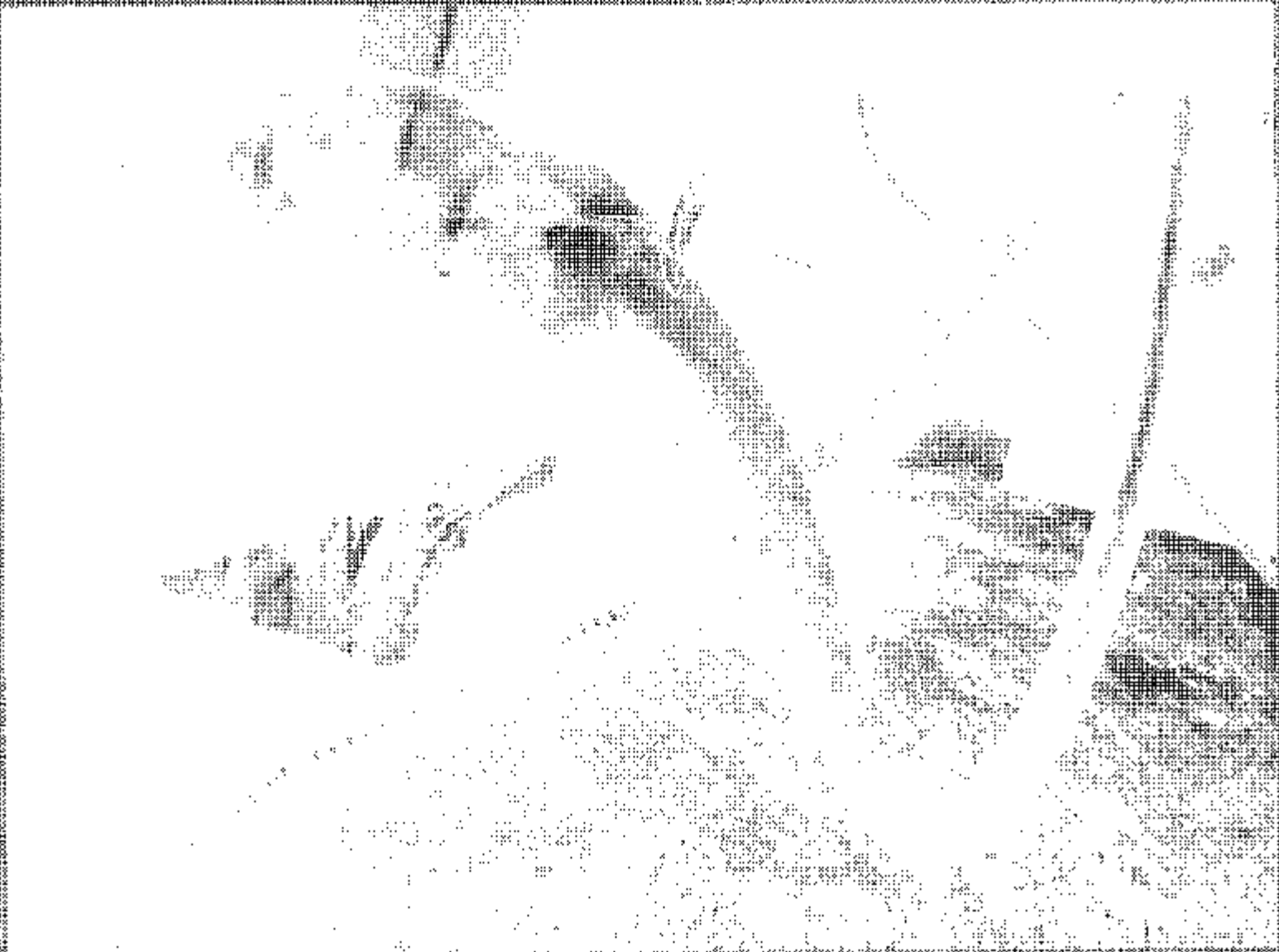


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Gas tubing device
and side view of the

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8-15 taking damage