 U.S. Department of Transportation <b>National Highway Traffic Safety Administration</b>		<b>DOT Auto Safety Hotline</b> <b>Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire</b> <b>To Report Vehicle Safety Defects</b> <b>1-888-DASH-2-DOT</b> <b>(1-888-327-4236)</b> <b>INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline</b>		FOR AGENCY USE ONLY 100148	
		Date Received 2007 NOV - 5 PM 2:12 10-OCT-2007		Repository <input type="checkbox"/> Reference No. 10205345	
<b>OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)</b>					
Name		CHRISTOPHER SHAW		Daytime Telephone Number	
Address		8565 COOPERS HAWK DRIVE		541-504-5943	
City		REDMOND		Evening Telephone Number	
State		OR		SAME	
Zip Code		97756		E-mail Address	
				CHRISNBETSY@BENDBROADBAND.COM	
Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.					
Signature of Owner		<i>Christopher Shaw</i>		Date	
				10/26/07	
<b>VEHICLE INFORMATION</b>					
17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side			Make	Model	Model Year
3D3MV48C936835193			DODGE	DODGE TRUCK	2003
Date Purchased		Dealer's Name and Telephone Number		Engine:	Fuel Type:
03-06				No: Cylinders	
Original Owner		Dealer's City		6	
<input type="checkbox"/>				DIESEL	
Transmission Type		Powertrain		Vehicle Component Code	
6 SPEED		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Antilock Brakes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cruise Control		350000 EQUIPMENT	
				Multiple Failure: 1	
<b>FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION</b>					
Incident Date(s)		Failure Mileage		Failure Speed	
05-SEP-2007				50	
WHEEL ADAPTER (ALUMINUM) TO GO FROM 8 LUG TO 10 LUG WHEELS					
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE</b>					
Tire Make		Tire Model (Name or Number)		Tire Size (Example P215/65R15)	
DOT No. (Example: DOTM9ABC036)		<input type="checkbox"/> Original Equipment <input type="checkbox"/> Prior Repair		Failure Location:	
Tire Component Code				Tire Failure Type	
<b>ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE</b>					
Make:		Date Manufactured:		Model No./Name:	
Seat Type:		Installation System:			
Child Seat Component Code:		Failed Part:			
<b>APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION</b>					
(Please describe in detail the incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and injury (ies).)					
Crash		Fire		Number of Persons Injured	
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		0	
				Number of Deaths	
				0	
				Reported to Police	
				N	
<b>Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).</b> <b>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).</b>					
TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2003 DODGE TRUCK. THE CONTACT PURCHASED AN ALUMINUM DOMINATOR ALLOY ADAPTER PLATE, WHICH WOULD ALLOW HIM TO SWITCH FROM AN EIGHT LUG BOLT PATTERN TO A TEN LUG BOLT PATTERN. THE ADAPTER PLATE FAILED AND CAUSED THE FRONT PASSENGER SIDE WHEEL AND TIRE TO DETACH FROM THE VEHICLE WHILE DRIVING 50 MPH. THIS FAILURE CAUSED THE ROTOR TO FAIL AND DAMAGED THE BODY OF THE VEHICLE. THE VEHICLE WAS TOWED TO A MECHANIC. WHILE REPLACING THE OTHER THREE <i>adapters</i> TIRES; THE CONTACT DISCOVERED THAT THE FRONT DRIVER SIDE ADAPTER WAS ALSO CRACKED, BUT HAD NOT FAILED. NO OTHER VEHICLE OR EQUIPMENT INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE.					
Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice. <span style="float: right;">ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY</span>					
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.					

October 28, 2007

U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-210  
400 7<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Case #62659; Reference #10205345

To Whom It May Concern:

On September 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 I was returning home from a small town in central Oregon named Mitchell, on highway 26 at about 50 MPH when the right front tire and wheel came completely off my truck. The tire and wheel went bounding along the highway and narrowly missed a car that had been following us and finally came to rest along side the road.

On my truck are all, after-market aluminum 19.5, 10 lug wheels purchased from T.E.A. MFG. CORP. in Houston, TX. The company is now called AmeriTAW MFG. And are at the same address, 6420 Rupley Circle, Houston, TX 77087-3440; Phone number (713) 644-0497 or (713) 644-1912.

What failed on my right front wheel was an aluminum adapter that is required to go from the original 8-lug wheel to a 10-lug wheel. When I called the company to tell them what had happened I was told that they no longer make the aluminum adapters and that the aluminum adapters were "never intended to be used on four-wheel drive trucks". That statement is just not true. I have a hand written sales order from their company for the purchase of the adapters, wheels and accessory kit where the first line on the sales order is "2003 Dodge dually 4x4" (see attached). So the company knew full well what the application was going to be for their wheels and adapters. They did not want to see the part that failed and did not want to take any responsibility.

I believe there must be other trucks that have the same adapters and that they may experience the same kind of catastrophic failure that I did. I can only imagine what could have happened if the failure would have happened when my camper was on the truck. The camper weighs over 4,000 pounds along with the Jeep that I tow that weighs 3,000 pounds, all that going down the highway at 55 or 60 MPH with my wife and 5-year-old son in the truck could have been a disaster. What if that wheel that weighs over 150 pounds would have bounded over the center divider into on-coming freeway traffic lanes? I was fortunate that there was very little damage & that no one was injured in this particular incident. And, with the exception of my \$250 insurance deductible, I am out very little money. What I am most interested in is that this manufacturer be held

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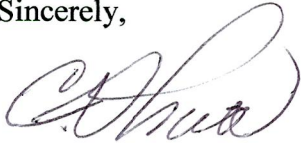
accountable & to do their best to make sure this doesn't happen to someone else. I think it is imperative that this company be required to issue a recall as soon as possible.

What I hope your Department can do is make the company that sold the adapters, put out a recall to everyone that purchased their aluminum adapters. By the way, when I replaced the other adapters with all steel adapters I found that the left front wheel adapter was also cracked and was ready to fail as well.

I have enclosed photos and receipts for work to repair my truck. Also I have all the damaged and failed parts if you need to inspect them. If you have any questions or need further clarification, please don't hesitate to call at the number listed below.

Please keep me apprised of the results of your investigation.

Sincerely,

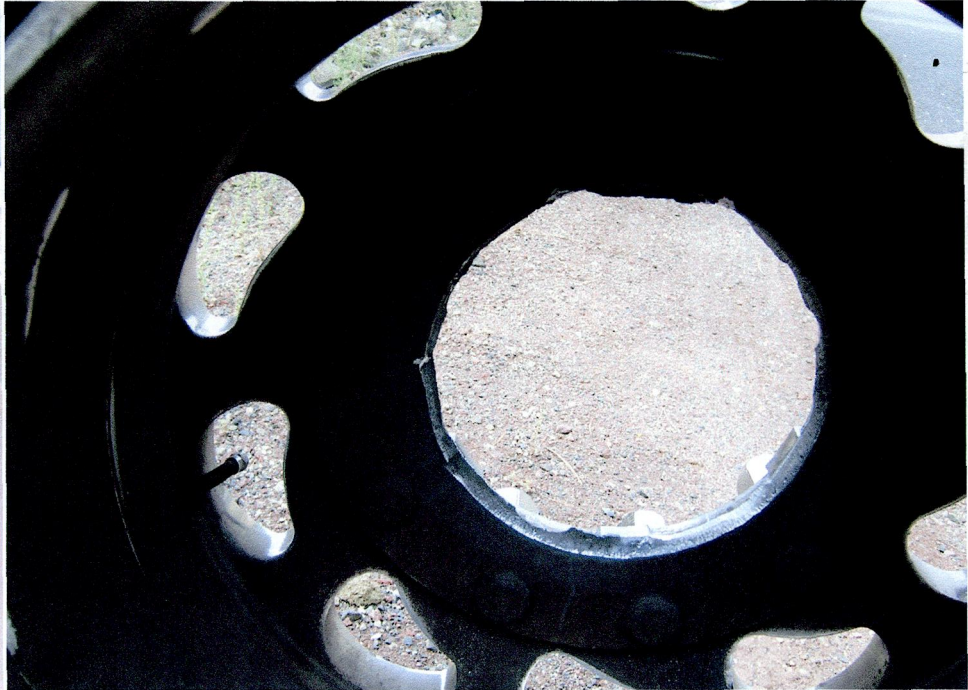


Chris Shaw  
8565 Cooper's Hawk Dr.  
Redmond, Oregon 97756  
(541) 504-5943

THIS IS A COPY OF  
THE ORIGINAL SALES  
ORDER FOR THE WHEELS,  
ADAPTERS AND ACCESSORIES.

THE DOMINATION ALLOY  
IS THE ADAPTERS.  
THE VIPER 19.5 ARE WHEELS





# SALES ORDER

5527

TEA MFC CORP.

6420 Rupley Circle Houston, TX 77087  
 Ph. 713-644-0497 Fax 713-644-9282  
 www.chromewheel.com

DATE 5-7-03
SALESPERSON <i>[Signature]</i>

6420 RUPLEY CIRCLE • HOUSTON, TX. 77087  
 Ph. 713 644-0497 FAX 713-644-9282  
 www.chromewheel.com

SOLD TO:

541-385-1702  
 Michael A. Guff  
 3302 NW PANORAMA DRIVE  
 BEND, OREGON 97701

SHAWTO  
 105 Schwab Ave  
 LEAN FINISHED  
 61085 S Highway  
 Bend Oregon 97701

CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	TAX EXEMPT NO.	CASH	CHARGE	C.O.D.	TERMS	SHIP VIA	F.O.B. POINT
1							
2							
3							
4							795
5							
6							1300
7							2500
8							750
9							199
10							2614
11							
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19							
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MDSE. RETURNED    PAID OUT    RECEIVED BY							TOTAL

THIS SLIP MUST ACCOMPANY ALL CLAIMS AND RETURNED GOODS

# INVOICE

13607

DESIGN DELUXE MANUFACTURING  
 21300 Deering Court  
 Canoga Park, CA 91304  
 (818) 892-8700 Fax (818) 337-2471  
 wheelsadapter.com & wheelspacer.com

TO  
 Chris Shaw  
 8565 Coopers Hawk Rd.  
 Redmond, OR, 97758

DATE	9-18-07
CUSTOMER ORDER NO.	
SALESPERSON	
VIA	

TERMS

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	2043 Dodge 3500 Dually		800
	① P5# - 124162330344647557 Check tomorrow on UPS Tracking		
	VISA / C.C. - 0000 0000 0000 0000		800

300073

## Thank You

KEVIN @  
 wheel adapter SAID  
 he would call back  
 today 9-26-07

NEW STEER /  
 ADAPTERS

85/8

# Invoice

PAGE 1

Arrowcraft Products, Inc  
5022 Leafdale Blvd.  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

Invoice No.  
00048023

Invoice Date  
09/18/07

(248)280-0210 FX:(248)280-1679

Sold To: DESIGN DELUXE MANUFACTURING  
21300 DEERING CT.  
CANOGA PARK, CA 91304

Ship To: CHRIS SHAW  
8565 COOPER'S HAWK DR.  
REDMOND, OR 97756

Purchase Order Number  
FAXED ORDER

Date Ordered  
09/17/07

Date Shipped  
09/18/07

Ship Via  
UPS GROUND

F.O.B.  
3RD PARTY

Salesperson  
D5

Terms  
PAID

Payment Due  
09/18/07

Notes  
'03 DODGE FAC. DUALY

Item	Ordered	Shipped	Description
MAX-D94	1.00	1.00	'94-Current Dodge Dually FRONT & REAR ADPATORS TO CONVERT FAC. DUALY TO RUN 19.5" OR LARGER RIMS W/ THE 10 BOLT ON 285.75mm BOLT CIRCLE PATTERN!  VISA: xxxx-xxxx-xxxx-6996 AUTH. #: 744967 AMOUNT: \$800.00 CHRIS SHAW

PAID

Message

THANK YOU!



\*\*\* WORK ORDER \*\*\*

SOLD TO:  
SHAW, CHRIS

Customer No.  
39

WORK ORDER NO.  
555806

LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER  
PO BOX 1597  
REDMOND, OR 97756 0000  
541-548-4011

Date  
09-07-2007

Time  
10:43:08 AM

Sold By	Transaction Type	Work Order#	Customer PO#	License	Mileage	Year/Make/Model
NL	CASH	555806			00	2003 DODGE TRUCK RAM 3500 PICKUP

Qty	Product Code	Product Description	Price	FET	Amount
ALL PARTS NEW UNLESS SPECIFIED					
1	54485143	780143 BRAKE ROTOR Machine-to Spec: CRP Cur wear: L) CRP R) CRP	92.22		92.22
1	00680638	INSTALL ROTORS WITH BRAKE JOB (PRESS TYPE)	31.50		31.50
1	00680112	THRUST ANGLE ALIGNMENT - DOMESTIC/IMPORT CARS, PICKUPS, VA	51.95		51.95
1	00000453	SPACER ADAPTERS 16" TO 19.5	795.00		795.00
1	00006398	INSTALL	30.00		30.00

RIDE HEIGHT MEASUREMENT  
 Front: Before L) \_\_\_\_\_ R) \_\_\_\_\_ After L) \_\_\_\_\_ R) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rear: Before L) \_\_\_\_\_ R) \_\_\_\_\_ After L) \_\_\_\_\_ R) \_\_\_\_\_  
 NOTE: Measurement from center of hub to tip of fender

YOUR VEHICLE MAY HAVE A TIRE PRESSURE MONITORING SYSTEM THAT USES A WARNING LIGHT TO ALERT THE DRIVER OF LOW TIRE PRESSURE OR SYSTEM FAILURE. THE TPMS LIGHT MAY ILLUMINATE AFTER ROUTINE SERVICE AND REQUIRE ADDITIONAL ACTION. WE OFFER AND RECOMMEND MONTHLY AIR PRESSURE CHECKS.

SERVICED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

Sales Tax: .00

Tire Tax: .00

Invoice Total: 1000.67

Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Estimate Decision: \_\_\_\_\_

Revised Estimate: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ In Person Phone#: \_\_\_\_\_

Customer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_



LES SCHWAB TIRE CENTER  
 PO BOX 1597  
 REDMOND, OR 97756 0000  
 541-548-4011

The West's Largest Independent Tire Dealer

SOLD TO: SHAW CHRIS  
 8565 COOPES HAWK  
 RED OR 97756

118272

ACCT 09 99998 INVOICE 640059  
 DATE 09-10-2007 TIME 3:38:10 PM

SOLD BY	TRANSACTION TYPE	WORK ORDER #	CUSTOMER PO #	LICENSE	MILEAGE	YEAR / MAKE / MODEL		
RG	CASH	556027		ZGE228	61744	0003 DODGE 3500		
QTY.	PRODUCT CODE	PRODUCT DESCRIPTION				PRICE	FET	AMOUNT
1	54485143	All Parts New Unless Specified 780143 BRAKE ROTOR Machine-to Spec: C/R Cur Wear: L) DAM R) DAM  Paid By: VISA CARD XXXXXXXXXXXX6996  WHEELS HAVE BEEN INSTALLED AND TORQUED TO MANUFACTURER'S SPECIFICATION.  WHEEL POSITIONS SERVICED: R FRT  SERVICED BY: ROBERT GRIFFITH				92.22		92.22
<b>NOTICE: The following conditions apply to all sales except where Seller issues a written warranty.</b> SELLER ASSIGNS TO PURCHASER ALL RIGHTS AND REMEDIES UNDER MFRS. EXPRESS AND IMPLIED WARRANTIES, BUT OTHERWISE EXCLUDES ALL LIABILITY FOR WARRANTY DAMAGES, SPECIAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR LES SCHWAB MFRD. PRODUCTS EXCLUDED TO EXTENT LAW ALLOWS. ALL CLAIMS AND RETURNED GOODS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY THIS INVOICE. Purchaser acknowledges having received the goods described above and having read and received a copy of the Security Agreement and Warning (when applicable) contained on the reverse side hereof.						SALES TAX		.00
						TIRE TAX		.00
PURCHASER X						<b>TOTAL</b>		92.22

CUSTOMER COPY