



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: EAST PEORIA State: IL Zip Code: [REDACTED]

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 a signature, the NHTSA will NOT provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer.
 Signature of Owner: [REDACTED] Date: 5/5/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 47CSS5U307 [REDACTED] 47CFF5U307 [REDACTED]
 Make: ~~DOUBLETREE~~ winners circle Model: ~~ELITE~~ Dutchman Model Year: 2007
 Date Purchased: 10-FEB-07 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: Turning wheel RV (352)368-6645 Engine: No: Cylinders Fuel Type: Gas
 Original Owner: Dealer's City: Ocala State: FL Zip Code: 34475
 Transmission Type: Antilock Brakes Cruise Control Powertrain: UNKNOWN Vehicle Component Code: 022000 SUSPENSION:REAR Multiple Failure: 1

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 17 OCT 2007 Feb '08 Failure Mileage: 3,000 Failure Speed: [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: [REDACTED] Tire Model (Name or Number): [REDACTED] Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): [REDACTED]
 DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): [REDACTED] Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: [REDACTED]
 Tire Component Code: [REDACTED] Tire Failure Type: [REDACTED]

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: [REDACTED] Date Manufactured: [REDACTED] Model No./Name: [REDACTED]
 Seat Type: [REDACTED] Installation System: [REDACTED]
 Child Seat Component Code: [REDACTED] Failed Part: [REDACTED]

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: 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).

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2007 DUTCHMEN WINNER CIRCLE RV (NA). DUE TO THE PLACEMENT OF THE REAR AXLE, THE REAR DRIVER SIDE TIRE WAS RUBBING AGAINST THE INNER WALL. THE REAR PASSENGER SIDE TIRE WAS RUBBING AGAINST THE OUTER WALL. THE FAILURES CAUSED THE TIRES TO WEAR PREMATURELY. THE VEHICLE HAS BEEN DIAGNOSED BY THE DEALER. NO OTHER VEHICLE INFORMATION WAS AVAILABLE AND THE VIN APPEARS TO BE INVALID.

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 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.

NHTSA Action Number : PE06040**NHTSA Recall Campaign Number :** N/A**Make / Models :**

DUTCHMEN / COLORADO

Model/Build Years:

2007

Manufacturer : DUTCHMEN MANUFACTURING, INC.**Component :**

SUSPENSION:REAR:AXLE:NON-POWERED AXLE ASSEMBLY

Date Investigation Opened : September 12, 2006**Date Investigation Closed :** December 6, 2006**Summary:**

AXLE SUPPLIER LIPPERT COMPONENTS MANUFACTURED THE SUSPECT AXLES, AND HAS ADVISED ODI THAT LIPPERT HAS INSPECTED AND/OR REPLACED ALL SUSPECT AXLES SOLD TO DUTCHMEN MFG BEFORE ANY SUSPECT AXLES / VEHICLES WERE PLACED INTO SERVICE. DUTCHMEN MFG HAS NOT REPORTED ANY ADDITIONAL FRACTURED AXLE - SPINDLE WELDS SINCE THE INITIAL THREE INCIDENTS THAT WERE THAT WERE REPORTED BETWEEN JUNE 17 AND JUNE 21, 2006. ODI WILL MONITOR DUTCHMEN MFG FOR THE NEXT SIX MONTHS (UNTIL MAY 2007) FOR ANY AXLE - SPINDLE WELD PERFORMANCE PROBLEMS AND WILL INITIATE FURTHER INVESTIGATION IF ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS ARE REPORTED. THE CLOSING OF THIS INVESTIGATION DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A FINDING BY NHTSA THAT NO SAFETY-RELATED DEFECT EXIST. THE AGENCY RESERVES THE RIGHT TO TAKE FURTHER ACTION ON THE VEHICLES IN THE FUTURE IF WARRANTED BY THE CIRCUMSTANCES.