



DOT Auto Safety Hotline

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

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4236)
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: _____
Address: _____
City: MORRIS State: MN 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?
In the absence of a signature or address to the vehicle manufacturer. YES NO
Signature of Owner: _____ Date: 12/12/08

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side: 13SZA33235
Make: SUNDOWNER Model: SUNLITE LQ Model year: 2005
Date Purchased: _____ Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: Uncle Bob's 701 252 1410
Engine: _____ Fuel Type: _____
Original Owner: Original Equipment Prior Repair Dealer's City: Jamestown State: ND Zip Code: 58402
Transmission Type: _____ Antilock Brakes: Powertrain: _____ Multiple Failure: Yes Incident Date(s): 01-OCT-2008
 Cruise Control

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Vehicle Component Codes: 190000 TIRES, 190000 TIRES
Failure Mileage: 8000 Failure Speed: 55 or under

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: TRAIL BOSS JCA Corp Tire Model (Name or Number): LT23575R16 Trail America Tire Size (Example P215/65R15): 235/85R16
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036): _____ Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location: DRIVER SIDE REAR
Tire Component Code: 190000 TIRES 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: 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 2005 SUNDOWNER SUNLITE LQ. THE VEHICLE HAS A TRAIL AMERICA TRAILER ATTACHED WITH TRAIL AMERICA TIRES, SIZE 23585R16 (NA). WHILE DRIVING 55 MPH, THREE TIRES FAILED ON THE TRAILER WITHIN THREE MONTHS (AUGUST-OCTOBER). THE BLOWOUTS OCCURRED WITHOUT WARNING. CHUNKS OF THE TIRES AND TREAD BECAME DETACHED. THE CONTACT DID NOT DRIVE OVER A POT HOLE OR ANY OTHER ROAD HAZARD. THE FENDER ON BOTH SIDES OF THE HORSE TRAILER WAS DAMAGED. THE DOT NUMBER WAS UNKNOWN. THE FAILURE MILEAGE WAS 8,000.

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.

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

~~I called~~ In all 3 cases of tires blowing (Aug-Oct) weather was good less than 75° highway in good shape. Twice the tire blew and tread flew off. One time it just blew out, that caused no damage. The other 2 each caused damage one minimal to the fender \$2 hundred to straighten + caulk, the other time it flew up + hit the side of the trailer, the estimate is 4 thousand for new stainless steel + decal. I've pulled horse trailers for 25 yrs only blew 1 other tire it was over 90° if the tire was not a radial. Tires were properly inflated + traveling at or under 55 mph

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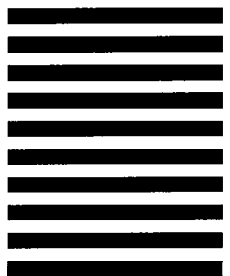
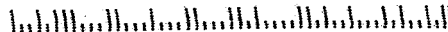
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