



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

ODI RESUME

INVESTIGATION: RQ99-014
SUBJECT: Trailer Instability
PROMPTED BY: Bob Young
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DATE OPENED: 6-16-99

MANUFACTURER: Holiday Rambler
MODEL(S): Certain 31 foot Aluma-Lite Trailers
MODEL YEAR(S): 1995 and 1996
VEHICLE POPULATION: TBD

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION: These trailers have a fresh water tank and a storage compartment at the rear of the unit that can potentially be overloaded. As a result, these trailers can exhibit reduced stability while being towed.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	MANUFACTURER	TOTAL
COMPLAINTS:	2	Unk	2
CRASHES:	0	0	0
INJ CRASHES:	0	0	0
# INJURIES:	0	0	0
FAT CRASHES:	0	0	0
# FATALS:	0	0	0
OTHER:			

DESCRIPTION OF OTHER: None

ACTION: A Recall Query has been opened.

ENGINEER: NN

DIV CHF:

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SUMMARY: On August 16, 1995, Holiday Rambler conducted a safety recall, 95V-154, on 783 1994-95 35-foot and 1995 31-foot Aluma-Lite trailers. These trailers have a fresh water tank and a storage compartment at the rear of the unit that can potentially be overloaded. As a result, these trailers can exhibit reduced stability while being towed. The remedy involved (1) placement of a label on the storage compartment at the rear of all travel trailer models indicating the maximum storage weight capacity, (2) relocating the fresh water tank from the rear of the travel trailer to an area above the suspension on the 1995 31CFS and 1994 35CSSO; and (3) installation of a Hensley Arrow hitch on the 1994 35CSSO and 1995 35WCS travel trailers. Holiday Rambler began owner notification on September 20, 1995.

ODI has received 2 complaints from owners of 1996 model 31-foot Aluma-Lite trailers alleging the trailer lost stability while being towed. The purpose of the RQ is to investigate the scope and effectiveness of the recall.

