



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 03-056
Prompted By: OWNER NOTIFICATION LETTER
Date Opened: 12/08/2003 Date Closed: 02/06/2004
Principal Investigator: SONNY MURIANKA
Subject: UNDER-RATED ELECTRICAL FUSE

Manufacturer: WESTERN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, INC.
Products: 1998-2003 WESTERN RV - ALPINE MOTOR HOMES
Population: 963

Problem Description: A ground fuse fails, resulting in a disabled vehicle and the loss of all electrical power.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: This investigation is closed, as a safety recall is being conducted by the vehicle manufacturer. The safety recall number assigned is: 04V-035

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Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: In late November 2003, Western RV mailed owners a letter advising them of an electrical problem that could cause the motor home to lose all electrical power, causing the engine to shut down, possibly resulting in a stalled vehicle without lights. The letter advised the owners to replace the ground fuse with a higher amp version that was provided in the owner letter. These vehicles are class "a" 40-foot motor homes.

As a result of the agency's investigation into this matter and discussions with Western RV, they have agreed to conduct a safety recall. Therefore, this investigation is closed. A copy of the safety recall is attached.

Further use of the agency's resources are unwarranted.

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