



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-038
 Prompted By: Technical Service Bulletin
 Date Opened: 04/12/2004 Date Closed: 05/12/2004
 Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
 Subject: Wheel Separation

Manufacturer: Tracker Marine L.L.C.
 Products: 2003-2004 Trailstar Super/ Procraft, Nitro, & Tundra Models
 Population: 149

Problem Description: Rim anomaly may prevent the center cap and rim from seating properly during torquing of the wheel lugs. This could result in a wheel separation.

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	1	1

*Description of Other: Found during inspection walk-through of the production line

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation is closed. Tracker has filed three safety recalls concerning this issue. (See recall numbers below).

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Summary: In January 2004, Tracker Marine released a field service bulletin advising dealers of Procraft Nitro and Tundra models that the subject wheels may not have been properly machined to accept the center cap, which could cause the wheel's lugs to loosen. Left uncorrected the wheel will detach from the axle hub.

ODI was concerned about the potential for wheel separation from the trailer. After a detailed discussion with Tracker, they have initiated three safety recall campaigns: 04V-210, 04V-211 and 04V-212, respectively. One recall is for the single axle trailers, one is for the tandem axle trailers, and the final recall is for trailers sold to the Marine Group, a separate entity of Tracker Marine.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed. A copy of the three recalls are attached. The agency will take further action if warranted by the circumstances.