



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

## ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-037  
Prompted By: Technical Service Bulletin  
Date Opened: 04/12/2004  
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka  
Subject: Hydraulic Brake Hose Chaffing

Manufacturer: Tracker Marine L.L.C.  
Products: 2004 Tracker Marine's Super Procraft And Procraft Trailers  
Population: 300 (estimated)

Problem Description: There is insufficient clearance between the fender and the flexible brake hoses. This could result in the brake hose chaffing, creating a leak, resulting in a partial or full loss of trailer brakes.

### 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: A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened.

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Summary: In March 2004, Tracker Marine released a field service bulletin advising owners of model 190, 200, and 210 Trocraft trailers that there could be insufficient clearance between the fender and the hydraulic brake hose. The bulletin advised the dealer technicians to inspect, straighten, and secure the brake hose away from the fenders. Left unrepaired, contact between the fender and the brake hose could result in the fender rubbing a hole into the brake hose, resulting in loss of trailer brakes.

Historically, a defect, resulting in a loss of brake fluid has been an ODI concern. During the past 10 years, numerous safety recalls have occurred for problems of this type.

A preliminary evaluation has been opened to understand Tracker's rationale for conducting a service campaign in lieu of a safety recall campaign.