



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
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Wheel Separation

Manufacturer: Tracker Marine L.L.C.
Products: 2003-2004 Trailstar Super/ Procraft, Nitro, & Tundra Models
Population: 300 (estimated)

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 loss of the trailer wheel.

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 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 is always concerned about anything which potentially compromises a vehicle's wheel clamping system. Wheel separations from vehicles are an unacceptable risk to highway safety. Numerous safety recalls have occurred in the past from manufacturers having wheel/rim separation issues.

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