



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-024
Date Opened: 05/10/2005 Date Closed: 09/26/2005
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Cracked or broken wheels

Manufacturer: Sunnybrook RV Inc.
Products: Sunnybrook 2005 Model Year Fifth Wheel and Travel Trailers
Population: 429

Problem Description: The wheel cracks and/or breaks through the weld that attaches the wheel rim to the wheel center.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	11	11
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: Close this Preliminary Evaluation.

Engineer: Thomas Bowman

Date: 09/26/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 09/26/2005

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Summary: In response to the product failures that prompted ODI to initiate investigation PE05-024, Sunnybrook RV has filed Defect Notice 05V-423 that proposes to conduct a product recall to replace certain 16" chrome plated steel wheels that were installed as original equipment between February 1, 2005 and July 11, 2005 in approximately 429 model year 2005 travel trailer and fifth wheel recreational vehicles.

Tredit Tire, Sunnybrook RV's supplier of tire and wheel assemblies, had investigated the reasons for the cracked and broken wheels, determined the causes, and notified Sunnybrook RV and ODI (05E-051) of their findings in August-September, 2005.

Sunnybrook RV has provided ODI with information about one incident of a weld breaking in the wheel installed in a model year 2004 31BW-FS model vehicle. Accordingly, ODI will evaluate whether additional actions appear to be warranted for vehicles not currently addressed by campaign 05V-423.

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