



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-025

Date Opened: 05/11/2005

Date Closed: 09/26/2005

Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman

Subject: Cracked or Broken Wheels

Manufacturer: Doubletree RV

Products: Doubletree 2005 Model Yr 36RE3, 36TK3, AND 36RS3 RV Trailers

Population: 307

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	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: Close this Preliminary Evaluation. Doubletree has submitted a Defect Notice (05V-425).

Engineer: Thomas Bowman

Date: 09/26/2005

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Summary: In response to the product failures that prompted ODI to initiate investigation PE05-025 Doubletree RV has filed a Defect Notice 05V-425 that proposes to conduct a product recall to replace certain 16" chrome plated steel wheels that were installed as original equipment between March 1, 2005 and April 30, 2005 in approximately 142 2005 model year fifth wheel recreational vehicles.

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

Doubletree RV has not yet provided ODI with complete information about past incidents of cracked, broken, and/or leaking wheels. In the event that Doubletree RV reports that wheel failures have occurred in vehicles manufactured prior to March 1, 2005, ODI will evaluate whether additional actions appear to be warranted for vehicles not currently addressed by campaign 05V-425.

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