



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-030
Date Opened: 06/09/2005 Date Closed: 09/14/2005
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Wheels cracking and Breaking

Manufacturer: Carriage, Inc.
Products: Carriage Inc MY 2003-2005 Cameo and 2003 Carri-lite.
Population: 99

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	204	204
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: 09/22/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 09/22/2005

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Summary: Carriage, Inc. has filed a Defect Notice 05V-400 pertaining to defects found in certain 16" chrome plated steel wheels that were installed as original equipment between March 2005 and July 2005 in 86 model year 2005 Cameo fifth wheel recreational vehicles and 19 wheels sold as replacement parts (to service 13 vehicles) during this same period. Tredit Tire, Carriage Inc.'s supplier of tire and wheel assemblies, had investigated the reason(s) for the cracked and broken wheels, determined the causes(s), and notified Carriage, Inc. of their findings on August 30, 2005.

In the course of investigating PE05-030, Carriage, Inc. has informed ODI that some wheels installed in model year 2003 and 2004 Cameo and Carri-lite vehicle have also been reported as cracked, broken, and/or leaking. These vehicles are not currently addressed by Campaign 05V-400.

Accordingly, ODI will examine the issue of those wheels installed in Carriage vehicles manufactured prior to March 2005 and not currently addressed by Campaign 05V-400 and take action if appropriate.

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