



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-024
Date Opened: 05/10/2005
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Wheels Break and/or crack through Weld

Manufacturer: Sunnybrook RV Inc.
Products: Sunnybrook 2005 Model Year Titan (31BW-KS) Trailer
Population: 488 (estimated)

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

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	3	3
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: Open a Preliminary Evaluation (PE).

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Summary: After learning of several recent incidents in which wheels identified as U S Wheel part number "US 977680 HD" or "US 977680 CC" that were installed in certain towable recreational vehicles had cracked or broken, ODI identified several manufacturers who purchased these wheels. Sunnybrook was one of the companies identified.

Sunnybrook has informed ODI of three incidents that occurred in the March-April, 2005 time period in which the weld that joins the wheel rim to the wheel center has cracked or broken.

ODI will conduct a Preliminary Evaluation to evaluate this problem.

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