



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

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-026  
Date Opened: 05/11/2005  
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman  
Subject: Wheels Break and/or Crack through Weld

Manufacturer: Monaco Coach Corporation  
Products: Monaco MY 03-04 Presidential, MY 03 Camelot, MY 05 Lakota  
Population: 279 (estimated)

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   | 4            | 4     |
| 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 CC" or "US 977680 HD" that were installed in certain towable recreational vehicles, had cracked or broken, ODI identified several vehicle manufacturers who purchased these wheels. Holiday Rambler, a division of Monaco Coach, was one of the companies identified.

Holiday Rambler has informed ODI of four incidents reported in May, 2005 on which the wheels have cracked, leaked, or broken.

ODI will conduct a preliminary evaluation to evaluate this problem.

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