



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-048
Date Opened: 09/02/2005
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Wheel Separation

Manufacturer: Exiss Aluminum Trailers, Inc.
Products: Exiss 2004-2005 Model Year Horse Trailers
Population: 7000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Wheel separation from trailer due to loose wheel nuts and/or broken wheel mounting studs.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	0	1
Crashes/Fires:	1	0	1
Injury Incidents:	1	1	1
# Injuries:	1	1	1
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation.

Engineer: Thomas Bowman

Date: 09/02/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 09/02/2005

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Summary: On August 26, 2005, ODI was informed of a personal injury crash that occurred on August 11, 2005, in which the left rear wheel allegedly separated from a newly purchased horse trailer manufactured by Exiss. The separated wheel then allegedly struck and injured the driver of an oncoming vehicle.

ODI is opening this Preliminary Evaluation (PE) to determine whether Exiss has had prior issues with wheel retention and whether this incident relates to other recent investigations that ODI has conducted at certain other manufacturers of recreational and cargo trailers pertaining to wheel retention.

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