



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-038
Date Opened: 09/11/2006 Date Closed: 12/05/2006
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Axle Spindle Weld Fracture

Manufacturer: Sunnybrook RV Inc.
Products: Sunnybrook RV MY 2007
Population: 220

Problem Description: Wheel may separate due to a fracture of the axle at the spindle attachment weld

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	1	1
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: MFR complaint is one axle that fractured prior to being assembled into the vehicle

Action: Close this PE.

Engineer: Thomas Bowman 

Date: 12/05/2006

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 12/05/2006

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: Axle supplier Lippert Components has advised ODI that Lippert has inspected and/or replaced all suspect axles sold to Sunnybrook RV before any suspect vehicles were placed into service.

Sunnybrook RV has not reported any additional broken axle - spindle welds since the first and only reported incident that was reported on June 26, 2006.

ODI will monitor Sunnybrook RV for the next six months (until May 2007) for any axle - spindle weld performance problems and will initiate further investigation if additional problems are reported.

The closing of this investigation does not constitute a finding by NHTSA that no safety-related defect exists. The agency reserves the right to take further action on the vehicles in the future if warranted by the circumstances.