



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-039
Date Opened: 09/11/2006
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Wheel End Separation - Fractured Axle

Manufacturer: Cross Roads Inc.
Products: Crossroads Sunset RV Trailer MY 2006
Population: 78


Problem Description: Axle May Fracture At Spindle Attachment Weld

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

| | ODI | Manufacturer | Total |
|---------------------|-----|--------------|-------|
| Complaints: | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| 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 Investigation (PE)

Engineer: Thomas Bowman 

Date: 09/11/2006

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

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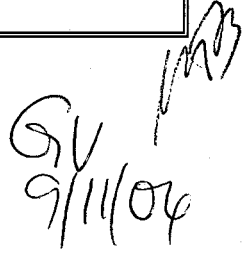
Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: On September 1, 2006, in response to ODI's request, Lippert Components, Inc. (axle mfr) identified 15 incidents in which an axle had allegedly completely or partially fractured at or near the spindle weld. In certain incidents, the affected wheel had separated from the vehicle.

Two of the reported incidents that Lippert Components, Inc. identified reportedly occurred in vehicles manufactured by Crossroads RV.

A wheel separation poses a risk since the separated wheel may strike pedestrians and/or vehicles being operated in the proximity of the wheel separation. Therefore, a PE is being opened to investigate this matter.


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