



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 07-035
Date Opened: 07/12/2007
Principal Investigator: *Bob Young*
Subject: Trailer Wheel Separation
Date Closed: 11/13/2007

Manufacturer: Champion Motorcycle Accessories
Products: Champion Side Car Trailers - 2003 Colorado
Population: 40

Problem Description: Stub axle fracture/wheel separation

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	1	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: Safety related recall 07V412. Close this PE.

Engineer: *Bob Young* Date: *11/13/2007*
Div. Chief: *Richard Boyd* Date: *11/13/2007*
Office Dir.: *Kathleen C. DeMeter* Date: *11/13/2007*

Summary: ODI received an owner letter alleging the left wheel separated from his subject trailer when the stub axle fractured while towing it behind his motorcycle on June 17, 2006. Subsequently, the trailer owner received a copy of a letter from Champion acknowledging that two separations, involving other customers, had occurred previously. That letter, dated late 2004 and allegedly sent to all customers (though the subject owner here claims he never received it), advised customers that champion was making an "upgraded axle design" available, at no cost, to those customers willing to pay for its installation.

After opening this PE and discussing the alleged defect with Champion, the company decided to recall the trailers to correct the condition (07V412). With that recall, conducted in lieu of responding to our August 16, 2007 information request, this PE is closed.

Resume faxed to Champion, 11-13-07 @ 5:30PM