



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

# ODI RESUME

Investigation: AQ 08-001  
 Prompted By: RECALL 07V-526  
 Date Opened: 6/18/08  
 Principal Investigator: RIC WILLARD  
 Subject: PACE AMERICAN 573 RETRACTION

Manufacturer: PACE AMERICAN, INC.  
 Products: 2003-2006 PACE AMERICAN TRAILERS  
 Population: 315

Problem Description: Part 573 defect report rescindment request

## FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
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	1	1

\*Description of Other: Warranty Claim

Action: Open AQ; request certain information

Engineer: Ric Willard

Date: 6/13/08

Div. Chief: George Person

Date: 6/13/08

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

Date: 6/13/08

Summary: By a Part 573 letter dated November 8, 2007 Pace American (Pace) notified NHTSA that certain 2003 – 2006 Pace cargo trailers were manufactured with defective wheels supplied by Tredit Tire & Wheel Co., Inc (Tredit). Pace's report cited one warranty claim, and stated [the defect] could cause a wheel to break apart, deflating the tire and resulting in property damage or personal injury.

Subsequently, by a letter dated April 22, 2008 Pace informed NHTSA that its November 8<sup>th</sup> decision was made in error and requested a rescindment of their Part 573 Defect Report. Specifically they stated that their decision was based on one warranty claim, which Pace later determined to be the result of overloading, and misinformation from Tredit, which alluded to similar warranty problems with other customers. Pace stated that it understands Tredit's other customer warranty claims to be a result of overloading the kitchen area in travel trailers manufactured by Western RV and Double Tree RV Suites.

Pace informed NHTSA that the wheels involved in the recall were manufactured in Argentina by Ruedas EV SRL, imported by U.S. Wheel, sold to Tredit, and supplied to Pace. The purpose of this investigation is to request more information relating the wheels in question and Pace's recall decisions.