U S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ODI RESUME

Investigation: DP10-002
Prompted By: Petition
Date Opened: 02/18/2010
Principal Investigator: Robert Young
Subject: Alleged Motorcycle Wheel Failure

Manufacturer: Dayton Wire Wheel, Inc
Products: All Radial Laced Aftermarket Motorcycle Wheels
Population: 3,000 (estimated)

Problem Description: Petitioner alleges increased risk of product failure due to out-of-spec wheels.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

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

Description of Other: Petition

Action: Conduct a petition analysis.

Engineer: *Bob Young* Date: *02/18/2010*
Div. Chief: *Richard Boyd* Date: *02/18/2010*
Office Dir.: *Kathleen C. DeMeter* Date: *02/18/2010*

Summary:

The petitioner, currently a plaintiff in a wrongful termination lawsuit with defendant Dayton Wheel Concepts, Inc. (Dayton), alleges the company has produced radial spoked motorcycle wheels that do not conform to the company's specifications. He alleges Dayton "has continued to use the defective design, materials and manufacturing processes in the production of [these wheels] and other Dayton wheel products" and that this "increases the likelihood of product failure."

ODI will conduct an analysis of the petitioner's allegations to determine whether further investigation is warranted.