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Investigation: PE 10-048
Date Opened: 12/07/2010
Investigator: Tom Bowman
Approver: Richard Boyd
Subject: Hitch Fracture

Reviewer: Bruce York-B

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES, INC.
Products: 2006 Model Year Winnebago Itasca
Population: 100 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Hitch may crack and fracture

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	1	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	TBD	TBD

***Description of Other:**

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation (PE).

Summary:

On November 28, 2010, ODI received VOQ 10368002 which alleges that the towing hitch installed as original equipment in a 2006 model year Winnebago Itasca vehicle had cracked / partially fractured.

A completely fractured tow hitch may allow the towed vehicle to separate from the towing vehicle in an uncontrolled manner while being towed risking injury to pedestrians and occupants of vehicles being operated in the proximity to the separation incident.