

LAKOTA

PRODUCT RECALL

TECHNICAL BULLETIN

9100 POWER AWNING, WEATHERPRO AWNING AND MOTOR SERVICE KITS

April 17, 2013

Dometic is committed to providing a quality product for the enjoyment of our customers. We go to great lengths to thoroughly test our products. In our on-going testing process we have discovered a potential condition related to 9100 POWER AWNINGS, WEATHERPRO AWNINGS AND MOTOR SERVICE KITS (complete awnings and/or parts/accessories, included).

This potential condition affects ONLY product manufactured between February 13, 2013, [306XXXXX serial#] through April 9, 2013, 314XXXXX serial

#). The awning serial # appears on a label on the right underside of the fabric and on the roller tube. The Motor Service Kit's serial # appears on the end cap of the shipping tube.

Background We recently introduced an enhanced redesign of certain components associated with the motor in our 9100 Power Awning & WeatherPro Awning and Motor Service Kits. There is an important step in our installation instructions which, in conjunction with our design change, CANNOT BE BYPASSED from the proper sequence (see below, as presented in our instructions).

! IMPACT OR PINCH HAZARD.
Removing the cotter pin from the torsion rod end cap will attempt to spin the hardware and/or fabric roller tube quickly and unexpectedly. Failure to obey this warning could result in death or serious injury.

Remove cotter pin from left end of torsion rod (LH end cap). See (FIG. 6).

i Removing cotter pin will release factory preset torsion (spring) tension.

- Straighten end of torsion rod by rotating (rotating) by cotter pin.

i Rotate fabric roller tube (as if for LH end cap) by pulling fabric roller tube out and discarding it for easier removal.

cotter

Condition Through on-going testing, we have become aware that in some cases this step is being bypassed during installation. In bypassing this installation step the 9100 Power Awning, WeatherPro Awning, or Motor Service Kit installation can damage the awning motor. It is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the coach is at rest

Action Due to this potential condition, which will NOT be evident from post-installation inspection, Lakota is requesting that you DO NOT SHIP any units with an installed 9100 Power Awning, WeatherPro awning, or Motor Service Kit manufactured
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within this date range described above. We need you to confirm the serial number of any units that you may have purchased from Lakota. We have provided the attached visual depiction of the affected motors for your convenience. If you have confirmed a serial number, as outlined, then please call 1-574-848-1636. We will provide detailed instructions during this call.

Lakota is filing a "safety-related defect" notification campaign with the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration (NHTSA). As required by 49CFR 573 the OEM is also required to file a "safety-related defect" notification with NHTSA. We are also filing a "safety-related defect" notification with Transport Canada. However, if you have sold or shipped Recreation Vehicles into Canada, with the recalled power awning assemblies in place it is our understanding you are required by Canadian Law to file a Vehicle Manufacturers Recall Campaign with Transport Canada on behalf of your Recreational Vehicle Company.

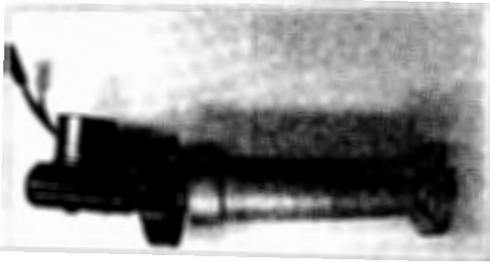
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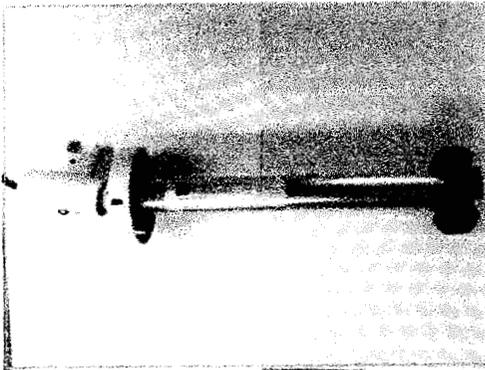


Awning Motor
Pre February 13, 2013. This motor is not affected by the product recall.



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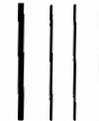
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Name		Dometic Dealer #	
Address		Name	
City and State		Address	
Zip		City and State	
		Zip	
		Work Order #	

<u>Recalled Unit Information</u>		<u>Recreational Vehicle Information</u>	
Model #		VIN #	
Serial #		Manufacturer	
Repair Date			

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i This will reduce pressure on cotter for easier removal.

c. While holding fabric roller tube, pull cotter out and discard.

Condition Through on-going testing, we have become aware that in some cases this step is being bypassed during installation. In bypassing this installation step, whether at your location or at the OEM level, the 9100 Power Awning, WeatherPro Awning, or Motor Service Kit installation can damage the awning motor. If this motor damage occurs it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the coach is at rest or while in transit.

Action Due to this potential condition, which will not be evident from post-installation inspection, Lakota Trailers is requesting that you do not offer any units with an installed 9100 Power Awning, WeatherPro awning, or Motor Service Kit manufactured within this date range described above. We need you to confirm the serial number of any units that you may have purchased directly from Lakota Trailers (which are included on attached document) or any units that may have been purchased from an OEM or OEM distributor (units repaired at the OEM will have a blue or green dot on the right hand motor end-cap). We have provided the attached visual depiction of the affected motors for your convenience. We are providing a letter to YOU to send to your customer requesting that they should NOT DRIVE their vehicle until they have called the number provided in that customer letter. We will be making contact with each dealer to support the replacement and quarantine of these units. If you have confirmed a serial number, as outlined, then please call 574-848-1636. We will provide detailed instructions during this call. Lakota greatly appreciate your assistance in correcting this potential condition.

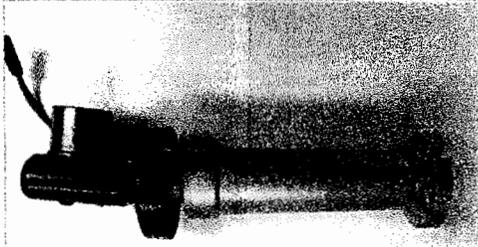
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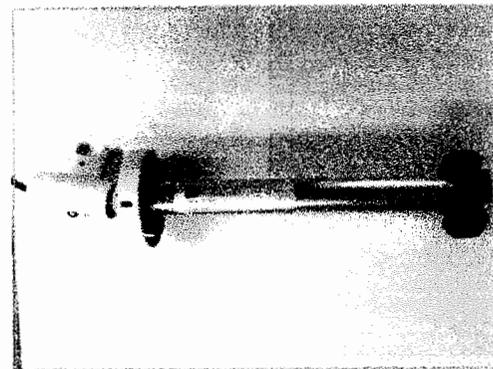


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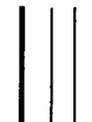
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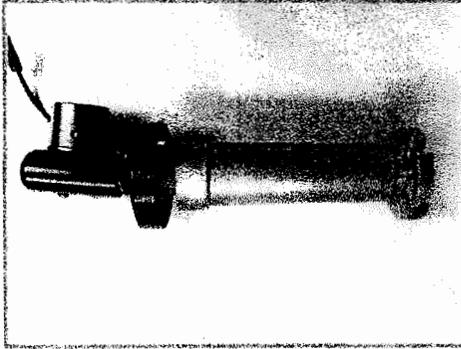


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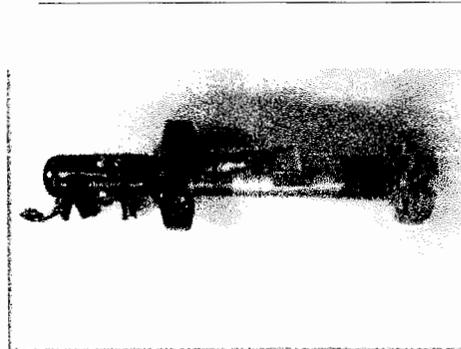


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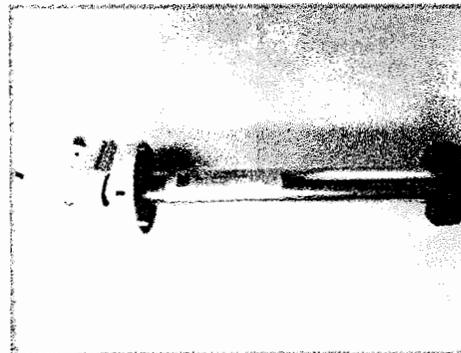
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Sample Recall Card-This card will be included with the motor service kit.

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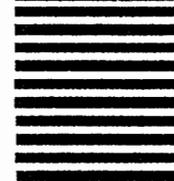
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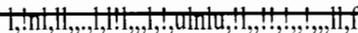


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