



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Steve Reames
Purchasing
Marathon Homes Corporation
PO Box 1302
Pinetree Industrial Park
Elkhart, IN 46515

NVS-215KS
13V-637

Subject: Interior Side Door Lock May Become Inoperable

Dear Mr. Reames:

This letter serves to acknowledge Marathon Homes Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MARATHON/TOWABLE TRAILER/5TH WHEEL/2006-2013

Mfr's Report Date: December 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-637

Components:

LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 54

Problem Description:

Marathon Homes Corporation (Marathon) is recalling certain model year 2006-2013 towable and fifth wheel travel trailers manufactured January 1, 2006, through April 25, 2013 and equipped with Fastec-brand door locks. It may be possible to remove the key from the lock in a way that potentially jams the deadbolt.

Consequence:

If the deadbolt jams, the interior side of the door lock may also jam. A person inside the travel trailer at the time will then be locked in and be unable to exit the vehicle without using the emergency exit, increasing the risk of injury.

Remedy:

Marathon will notify owners, and Fastec will coordinate the inspection and replacement of the cylinders, as needed, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by early February 2014. Owners may contact Marathon Homes at 1-574-294-6441 or Fastec at 1-800-837-2505.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft of the owner notification letter to this office for our review no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

We have been informed that Fastec will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Marathon is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Marathon to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

On August 20, 2013, NHTSA announced new changes to the requirements governing safety recalls. Some of these requirements are already in effect. Please ensure your company will be in compliance with each requirement on, or before, its respective effective date. For a summary of the requirements and their effective dates please click on the "New!" link at <http://www.safercar.gov/Vehicle+Manufacturers>.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement