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From: Ansley, Alexander <NHTSA>
Sent: Wednesday, July 23, 2008 3:12 PM
To: 'Gasvoda, Nicole' - *Stericycle*
Subject: Hoffman Coach

Nicole,

I just spoke with Debbie at Hoffman Coach. She had filled out a 573, but they only used two units as replacement repairs in already sold motor homes. They aren't considered vehicle manufacturers in this sense, so they won't need to file. I asked Debbie just to make sure they pass their sales info on to you guys.

Thanks,

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer's name/address:

The manufacturer of the vehicles covered by this Report is:

Manufacturer's Name *NEVELL & MC I*
 Manufacturer's Address

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreation vehicles that were equipped with certain models of refrigerators manufactured by Dometic, LLC between June 2005 and September 2005.

The vehicle models in question are as follows: *RM 2852LB*
RM 2852RB

The vehicles were manufactured during the period from June 2005 through *12/28/05*

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is *2* →

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on information received from Dometic, [Manufacturer] believes that approximately 100 percent of these vehicles actually contain the defect.

5. Description of the defect:

Under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Dometic advised [Manufacturer] of its defect determination by letter dated *11/16/08*. [Manufacturer] is not aware of any fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect (or "[Manufacturer] is aware of only *0* fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect.") Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, [Manufacturer] decided to submit this defect report.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in [Manufacturer's] vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. See Recall No. 08E-032. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Dometic will reimburse them if they have incurred costs to obtain a remedy for a refrigerator containing such a defect prior to their receipt of the notification. [Manufacturer] recognizes that as a final stage vehicle manufacturer it remains responsible for the successful completion of the recall campaign.

8. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor or purchaser.

This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with part 579.5 requirements.

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