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INVESTIGATION

Re: Recall No. 08E-030 and Recall No. 02E-045

Dear Mr. Person:

Norcold, Inc. manufactures absorption refrigerators which are sold for application in Recreational Vehicles ("RVs"). On July 22, 2002 Norcold announced and undertook a motor vehicle equipment safety recall to address a potential fatigue failure in cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold refrigerator model numbers 1200LR and 1200LRIM built from December 1, 1996 to February 28, 1999. On March 25, 2008, Norcold determined that this recall should be extended to embrace cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 1999 to February 28, 2001. At this time, Norcold has determined that the recall announced on March 25, 2008 and assigned recall number 08E-030 should be extended to embrace cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002. Each cooling unit under this extension has a serial number between 1273701 and 1536607, non-consecutively.

The nature of the defect is a fatigue failure in the section of the cooling unit which contains the refrigerant. This fatigue failure could allow the liquid solution to slowly leak from the cooling unit. If a leak occurs and the refrigerator continues to be operated after solution circulation has ceased the heat source could generate very high temperatures. At such high temperatures the steel material of the cooling unit could soften and rupture. If refrigerant gas is still in place when the rupture occurs hydrogen gas may be expelled and could be ignited by the high temperature, possibly causing a fire.

We are planning a vehicle safety recall campaign with respect to this additional population to notify OEMs, distributors, dealers, service centers and vehicle owners of the hazard and to a free remedy to prevent temperature elevation that could allow a fire should this failure mode arise. As soon as the materials are prepared which will be shared with the OEMs, distributors, dealers, service centers and vehicle owners regarding this additional safety recall we will submit them to you along with any other information needed to comply with NHTSA notification requirements. We expect to have parts available for this remedy work to begin immediately upon owner notification.

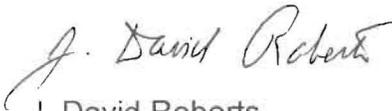
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In addition, at this time Norcold has determined that it is necessary to modify the remedy associated with Recall No. 02E-045. Norcold will contact owners of recreational vehicles equipped with Norcold models 1200LR and 1200LRIM with cooling unit serial numbers between 700000 and 1008700 and manufactured between December 1996 and February 1999. Owners who have responded to Recall No. 02E-045 and have had their cooling unit replaced under this recall will be contacted instructing them to bring their recreational vehicle into a service center so that a safety thermal switch kit can be installed on the replaced cooling unit. There will be no cost to the owner for this modification. To date, Norcold has replaced over 5,900 cooling units out of the original population of 8,419 and we continue to search for additional owners.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. David Roberts".

J. David Roberts  
Vice President  
Norcold, Inc.