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OFFICE OF
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

via FAX and
Certified Mail

Dear Sir or Madam:

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Re: Travel Trailer and Fifth Wheel Trailer Recall

Skyline Corporation has discovered a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety in certain travel trailers manufactured at its facilities in Hemet, California; McMinnville, Oregon and Mansfield, Texas, as described below.

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.5(c), Skyline hereby submits the following information:

1. Name of Manufacturer: Skyline Homes, Inc. and Homette Corporation, both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Skyline Corporation.
2. Identification of Vehicles: 2002 and 2003 "Nomad", "Aljo" and "Layton" brand "Sportwagon" and "Rampage" travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers manufactured between December 6, 2001 and January 21, 2003.
3. Number of Vehicles: 453
4. Percentage of Vehicles with Defect: 100% of the listed models manufactured during the above time period with the optional fueling station. All of the listed models contain an optional fueling station.
5. Description of Defect: The lack of a check valve in the optional fueling station can cause gasoline to siphon out of the tank.
6. Basis for Recall: Leaking gasoline is a fire hazard.
7. Recall Program: Skyline will furnish dealers with a list of serial numbers of units and notify any retail purchasers to return the vehicles to the dealership for installation of a check valve.
8. Recall Notice: Skyline will be sending the attached notices to retail customers and dealers.

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Skyline is not providing a pre-notification reimbursement remedy since all affected vehicles fall within Skyline's two-year manufacturer's warranty.

Your prompt approval of Skyline's recall notices is requested. I can be reached by telephone at 574-294-6521 from 7:45 am until 4:45 pm EST. My FAX number is 574-522-5257. Since Skyline has identified all affected units, no other media campaign is planned. Skyline will submit quarterly reports.

Very truly yours,



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Dear Skyline Dealer:

On January 24, 2003, Skyline contacted the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to report a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety in its 2002 and 2003 "Nomad", "Layton" and "Aljo" brand "Sportwagon" and "Rampage" travel trailers and fifth wheel trailers manufactured between December 6, 2001 and January 21, 2003.

The defect is caused because the optional generator/fueling station was designed and supplied without a check valve.

Skyline will contact all customers who purchased one of these recreational vehicles. Our records show that you received the following units. Please furnish Skyline with the names and addresses of the purchasers or inform Skyline if the unit remains in your stock.

<u>Serial Number</u>	<u>Date Shipped</u>	<u>Name and Address of Retail Purchaser</u>
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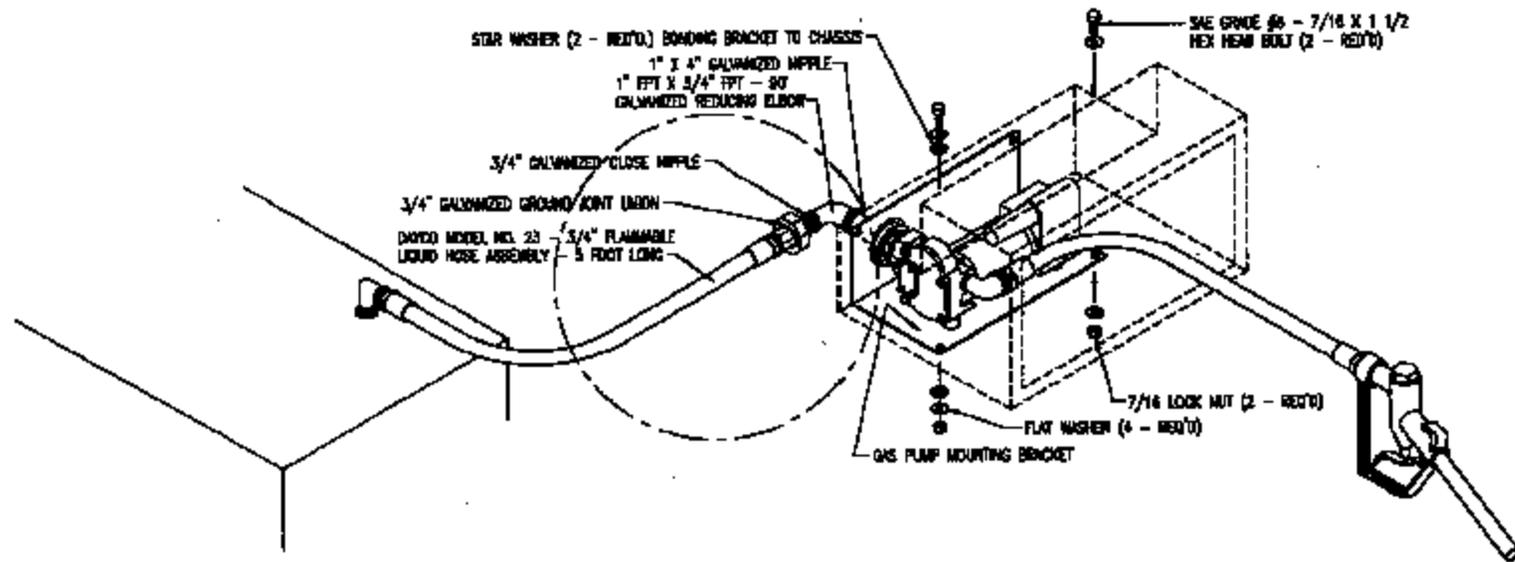
Retail purchasers will be provided with Skyline's toll-free number (1-800- 755-6521) to obtain the location of the nearest dealer to arrange for installation of the check valve.

We ask that you take the following steps to correct any units in your stock or that are returned for service by the customer: **After emptying the fuel tank:**

1. Locate ground joint union.
2. Loosen ground joint union with two wrenches.
3. Disconnect hose assembly from ground joint union.
4. Assemble check valve assembly using Loctite 567 at all pipe and hose connections. Tighten all fittings and hose to end of ground joint union.
5. Reconnect ground joint union and tighten.
6. Route excess hose from looping and from physical damage.
7. Invoice Skyline at your normal labor rates.

Engineering drawings will be furnished with the parts which can be ordered from your Skyline division.

Skyline apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause you or your customers. Thank you for your help in remedying this situation on a timely basis.



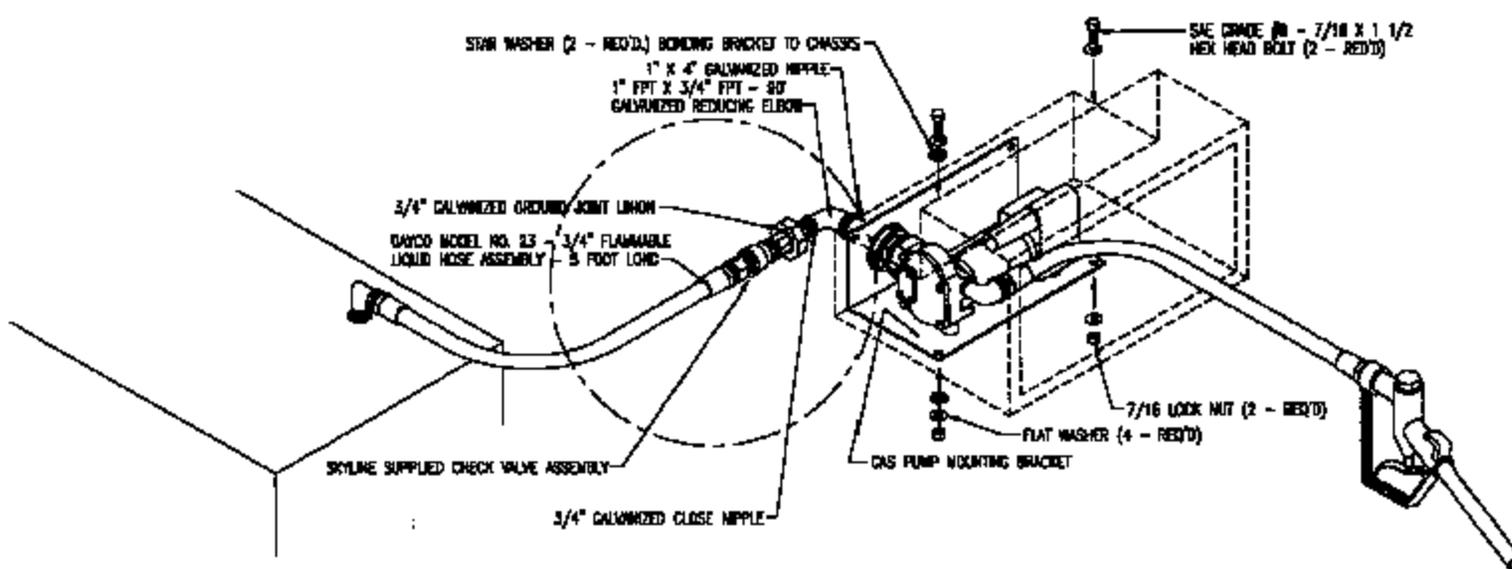
CURRENT REFUELING CONNECTIONS

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⚠ DANGER - EMPTY FUEL TANK FIRST AND NO SMOKING

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CHECKED BY		APPROVED BY	
R1 HIDDEN DANGER - EMPTY FUEL TANK FIRST AND NO SMOKING		01-23-03	
ALL DIMENSIONS GIVEN ARE IN INCHES UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.			
TITLE REFUELING STATION (ADD CHECK VALVE)		(03798) SHEET 1 OF 3	
MLA	OCA	SCT	RR
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DEALER REPAIR



CHECK VALVE ADDED TO REFUELING CONNECTIONS

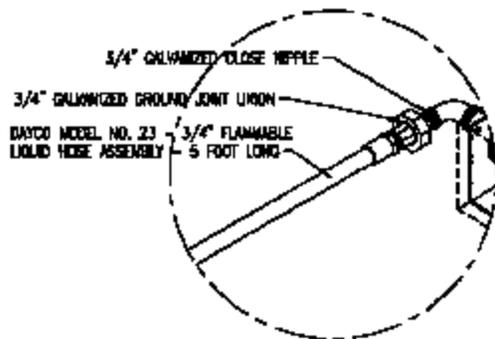
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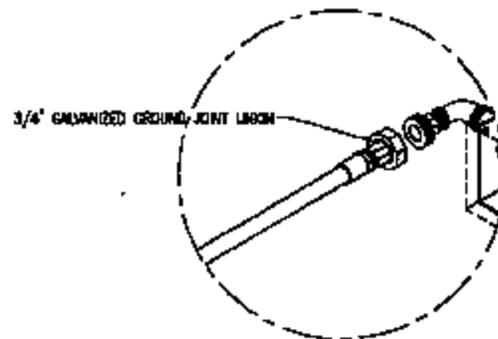
1. SEE SHEET 3 OF 3 FOR STEP BY STEP REMOVAL AND INSTALLATION OF CHECK VALVE.
2. USE LOCTITE 567 FOR ALL PIPE THREADED CONNECTIONS.
3. TANK TO PUMP HOSE MAY NEED TO BE REROUTED AND RESECURED FOR PROTECTION.
4. INSPECT MOUNTING BOLTS INSIDE COMPARTMENT AND CORRECT AS NECESSARY.
 HEAD OF BOLT IS TO BE INSIDE THE FUEL STATION BOX - THE FLAT WASHER AND LOCK NUT AND THREADED PORTION OF THE BOLT IS TO BE OUTSIDE OF THE BOX.
 (SEE ILLUSTRATION OF LISTED BOLTS ABOVE)

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TITLE REFUELING STATION (ADD CHECK VALVE)		SHEET 2 OF 3	
N/A	CCA	SCT	RR
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DEALER REPAIR			



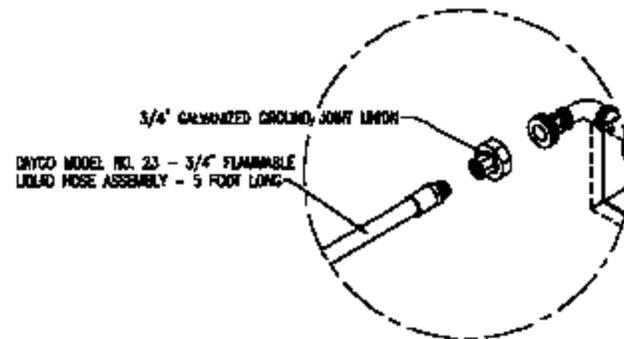
STEP #1

NOTE:
1. LOCATE GROUND JOINT UNION LOCATION.



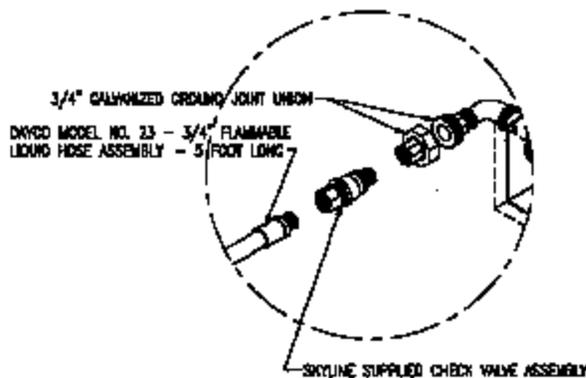
STEP #2

NOTE:
1. LOOSEN GROUND JOINT UNION WITH TWO WRENCHES.



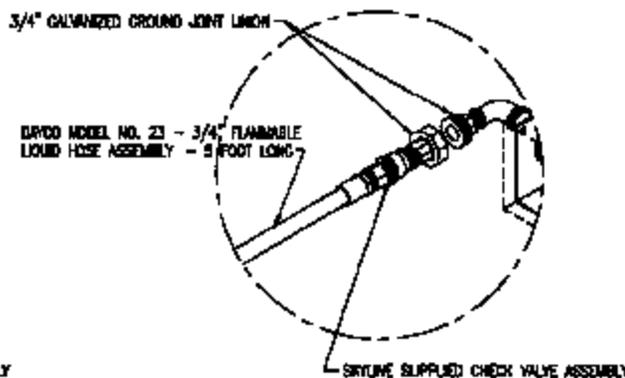
STEP #3

NOTE:
1. DISCONNECT HOSE ASSEMBLY FROM GROUND JOINT UNION.



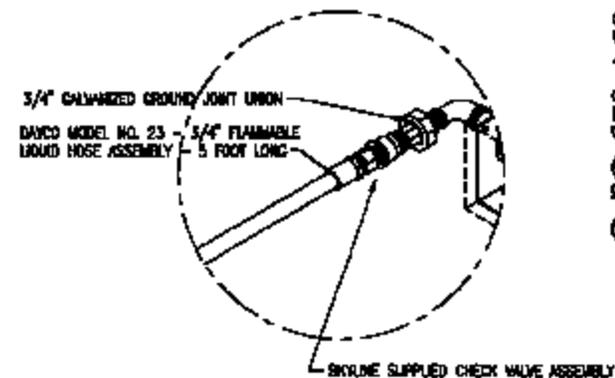
STEP #4

NOTES:
1. ASSEMBLE CHECK VALVE ASSEMBLY AS SHOWN ABOVE USING
LOCITE 647 AT ALL PIPE AND HOSE CONNECTIONS.
2. TIGHTEN ALL FITTINGS AND HOSE TO END OF GROUND JOINT UNION.



STEP #5

NOTE:
1. RECONNECT GROUND JOINT UNION AND TIGHTEN.



STEP #6

NOTES:
1. FINISHED ASSEMBLY SHOWN.
2. ROUTE EXCESS HOSE FROM LOOPING AND FROM PHYSICAL DAMAGE.

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January 24, 2003

Dear Skyline Recreational Vehicle Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Skyline Corporation, has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in its 2002 and 2003 "Nomad", "Layton" and "Aljo" brand "Sportwagon" and "Rampage" travel trailers and fifth wheels with the optional generator/fueling station. There is no check valve installed in the fueling station which could cause gasoline to siphon out. Do not use the fueling station until the defect has been repaired.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Your Skyline dealer will install a check valve.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please contact your dealer as soon as possible to arrange a service date to have the check valve installed. Instructions for making this repair have been sent to your dealer. You may call Skyline at 1-800-755-6521 for the name and address of your nearest dealer. The repair should take not more than 30 minutes.

Your Skyline dealer is best equipped to provide this service to ensure that your recreational vehicle is corrected as promptly as possible. If, however, you take your vehicle to your dealer on the agreed service date and they do not remedy this condition on that date or within three days, we recommend you contact Skyline at the "800" number listed above.

After contacting your dealer and Skyline, if you are still not able to have the safety defect remedied without charge and within a reasonable time, you may wish to write the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 or call 1-800-424-9393.

We apologize for this inconvenience. However, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with your Skyline recreational vehicle.