

November, 2009

To: **All Affected US Roadtrek Dealers**

From: **Doug Porter, Quality, Service & Warranty Manager**

RE: **Notice of Recall 2009-02 (NHTSA 09V-437) Sprinter brake line clearance recall**

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

Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc. has concluded that a defect exists which relates to the installation of a battery tray in Roadtrek class "B" Sprinter RSAD, SSAD, RSAF and SSAF model motorhomes built between November 09, 2007 and September 30th, 2009.

The recall pertains to the installation of the auxiliary/coach batteries on the vehicle chassis. The brake line comes in close proximity to the battery/battery tray. Due to some variation in brake line length coming from the chassis manufacturer and some inconsistency in the battery assembly process in some units there is zero clearance between the battery/battery tray and the brake line. This situation can cause friction/rubbing between the battery/battery tray and the brake line which can damage the coating on the line and expose the bare steel. Adding to the circumstances is if and when a battery is overfilled there is a risk of acid spillage out of the top of the battery while the vehicle is in motion. The acid can then get between the battery and the brake line and in time it may soften the brake line coating. Under the acid attack the brake line can corrode and create pin holes in the material. Once the pin hole is created the system will leak and it will affect the ability to brake on all 4 wheels. This failure of the brake line could result in a crash which could lead to personnel injury and possible death.

Corrective action requires all vehicles to be inspected for brake line location and corrosion in the problem area and the line replaced if required. If the brake line is OK the dealer must ensure that there is adequate clearance (min 3/8") between the line and the battery/battery tray. After adjusting the brake line clearance all of the wire harnesses, vacuum lines, etc. that had to be moved to access the brake line need to be returned to their original position. All of the electrical wires must be bundled together properly. Electrical wiring and the vacuum line must not be touching the battery post or any other part of the battery that can get hot during the charging process. This check and adjustment should take 15 minutes. If the brake line has made contact and corrosion has started the vehicle will need to have the brake line replaced at the appropriate Chrysler/Dodge/Freightliner Sprinter Dealership. If this work is required it will take about two hours to complete. Complete and detailed instructions will be provided as requested. For these instructions and more information contact our Service and Warranty department toll free at 1-888-ROADTREK (762-3873).

For affected vehicles that are in your inventory or have been sold by your dealership for which we have not received registration, please contact the Service and Warranty department at 1-888-762-3873. You are requested to carry out the corrective action and complete the recall form prior to vehicle delivery.

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Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If this notification is inadequate or the corrections are not made in accordance with this notification within 60 days, you may advise the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY:1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret any inconvenience these actions may cause.

cc: All factory sales staff, All regional sales managers

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