



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

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NVS-215dgl
10V-407

SUBJECT: LP FUEL TANK

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Damon Corporation (Damon) Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles 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:

DAMON/CHALLENGER/2007-2011
DAMON/INTRUDER/2005-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-407

Mfg's Report Date: September 8, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: LPG TANK ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 271

Summary:

DAMON IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2007-2011 CHALLENGER, MODEL YEAR 2005-2007 INTRUDER MOTOR HOMES. THESE MOTOR HOMES DO NOT HAVE THE PROPER CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE REAR SUSPENSION LEAF SPRING AND THE VEHICLE LIQUID PROPANE FUEL TANK. AS THE SUSPENSION TRAVELS IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE LEAF SPRING SHACKLE BOLT TO COME IN CONTACT WITH THE TANK. THIS POTENTIALLY COULD PUNCTURE THE TANK AND RESULT IN A FIRE OR EXPLOSION.

Consequence:

IN THE EVENT OF A FIRE OR EXPLOSION, THERE IS A POTENTIAL FOR PROPERTY DAMAGE, PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

DAMON WILL INSPECT TO SEE IF THE PROPER CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE SHACKLE BOLT AND THE TANK EXISTS. IF IT IS FOUND THERE IS NOT ENOUGH CLEARANCE, THE TANK WILL BE RELOCATED TO PROVIDE THE PROPER CLEARANCE. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DAMON WARRANTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 877-855-2867.

Notes:

DAMON SAFETY RECALL NO. RC000018. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement