



COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC

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George H. Person
Chief, Recall Analysis Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Part 573 – Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report – Samsung
Microwaves installed in Coachmen Recreational Vehicles

Dear Mr. Person:

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC (Coachmen RV) has been notified by Samsung Electronics America, Inc. (Samsung) that Samsung has filed a Part 573 with NHTSA regarding a potential defect in some of the microwave ovens they supplied Coachmen RV. Some of the affected microwave ovens were installed in recreational vehicles built by Coachmen RV. Their notification indicated that the Samsung microwave models affected were as follows:

Model

MR5491G/MR5491G01
MR5492W/MR5494W01
MR5493G/MR5493G01
MR5494W/MR5494W01
MR7491G/MR7491G01
MR7492W/MR7492W01
MR7493G/MR7493G01
MR6698WB
MR6699GB
MR6699SB

Samsung indicated that these microwave ovens were produced between May 2000 and September 2003.

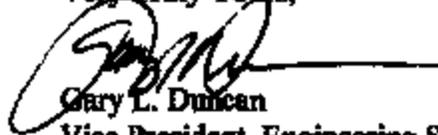
Samsung's letter states that "an electrical short between circuit patterns on the membrane panel can activate a key pad on the One Touch Instant Cook..., causing the microwave to automatically activate. This may cause fire or smoke damage if the consumers use their oven for storage purposes or have left some item in the microwave inadvertently."

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In accordance with Federal Regulation 49 CFR Part 573.3, "Defect and Noncompliance Information Reports", this letter is to serve as notification to NHTSA of our recognition of this recall campaign by one of our suppliers. We are in the process of determining the models and production numbers of affected Coachmen RV products and we will provide that information to NHTSA as soon as it is available. Samsung has requested, and we will supply them with, the vehicle owner contact information for Coachmen RV dealers and consumers that will need to be notified regarding this microwave recall. We understand that Samsung will be conducting the owner notification campaign and will be forwarding all further required information to NHTSA as the remedy campaign progresses.

Again, we will provide NHTSA with the affected Coachmen RV model list and quantity of vehicles involved as soon as that information is determined. In the meantime, should you have any additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (219) 825-8528.

Very Truly Yours,



Gary L. Dineen
Vice President, Engineering Services