

**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-173 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

JUN 29 2000

Part 573 Report Date: **June 28, 2000**

MANUFACTURER: **Safari Motor Coach Corporation**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Jack Fagan**

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SUBJECT: 331 SMC 1999-2000 Patriot, Monterey, and Contessa motor homes built on Magnum chassis, equipped with ABS systems using Meritor Webco D Version Electronic Control Units (ECU) and manufactured from July 1, 1998 through November 30, 1999; 328 1999-2000 Continental, Serengeti, Sahara, and Zanzibar motor homes and 32 1999-2000 Harney Coachworks Renegade motor homes built on Magnum chassis with air assisted hydraulic disc brakes, with ABS brake harness part #2505168 to the ABS ECU manufactured from April 2, through November 30, 1999. The anti-lock brake modulator fails to regulate hydraulic pressure to the appropriate wheel, causing the modulator to react improperly. SMC Recall No. SBA00-104.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Service Query, SQ00-012, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your draft dealer/owner notifications and they meet the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin July 13, 2000. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232 or
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Mr. Jack Fagan
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Dear Mr. Fagan:

We have reviewed Safari Motor Coaches, Inc.'s (SMC) Defect Information Report dated June 26, and subsequent information dated June 27 and 28, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 331 SMC 1999-2000 Patriot, Monterey, and Contessa motor homes built on Magnum chassis, equipped with ABS systems using Meritor Webco D Version Electronic Control Units (ECU) manufactured from July 1, 1998 through November 30, 1999; 328 1999-2000 Continental, Serengetti, Sahara, and Zanzibar motor homes; and 32 1999-2000 Harney Coachworks Renegade motor homes built on Magnum chassis with air assisted hydraulic disc brakes, with ABS brake harness part #2505168 to the ABS ECU manufactured from April 2 through November 30, 1999. The anti-lock brake modulator fails to regulate hydraulic pressure to the appropriate wheel, causing the modulator to react improperly. **The assigned recall identification number for this recall is 00V-173 (SMC Recall No. SBA00-104).**

This recall was the subject of a Service Query, SQ00-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

SMC is responsible for the remedy of these motor homes from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

Quarterly Status Reports

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. *As stated in your report, owner notification was expected to begin July 13, 2000.* Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2000.

Recall Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by SMC to more than one distributor, dealer, purchaser, or owner are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where this information is sent over a period time, the communications are to be submitted within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent, and furnish the date, or range of dates, each communication was issued. This includes information transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form and a written transcript should be provided for each non-written communication. Also, if the communication was not nationally and uniformly distributed, then identify the criteria used for the distribution.

Manufacturer Communications

Part 573.8, "Notices, Bulletins and Other Communications," requires that every motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment manufacturer shall furnish a copy of **all notices, bulletins, and other communications (including warranty and policy extension communiques and product improvement bulletins)** to manufacturers, distributors, dealers, or purchasers, regarding any defect in its vehicle or items of equipment (including any failure or malfunction beyond normal deterioration in use, any failure of performance, or any flaw or unintended deviation from design specifications), **whether or not such defect is safety related**. These notices or communications are to be submitted, regardless of the media used to transmit the information. Where communications are made orally or electronically, provide a transcript. In all other cases, provide the information in the media form used to transmit the information. On a case by case basis, we may require written transcripts of this material as well. Copies are to be submitted monthly, not more than 5 working days after the end of each month.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance