

# Coachmen®

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY

September 11, 2000

Jonathan D. White  
Chief, Recall Analysis Division  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh St., S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Tekonsha Engineering Company Recall Campaign Number 00E045  
Bargman Breakaway Switches

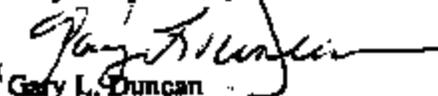
Dear Mr. White:

Tekonsha Engineering Company has notified Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company that they are conducting a recall on their new Tekonsha and Bargman Breakaway Switches that were shipped between April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2000 and July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2000. Their notice indicated that on these breakaway switches "the internal switching mechanism ... may fail to make proper contact and provide electrical continuity when the breakaway pin is pulled" and that "this condition may result in no electrical power to the trailer brakes in the event of a trailer breakaway situation...."

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 and that Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company agrees with the need for Tekonsha Engineering Company to conduct this recall campaign. Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company received 1953 of these breakaway switches. 1950 of them were installed on vehicles (travel trailers and fifth wheels). The additional 3 switches were sold through Coachmen's customer service department. The complete list of affected vehicles and owner information will be provided to Tekonsha Engineering Company for owner notification and remedy. We understand that since Tekonsha Engineering Company is administering the recall campaign, they will be forwarding all of the required information to NHTSA.

Should you have any additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (219) 825-8528.

Very Truly Yours,

  
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