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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Monaco Coach Corporation ("Monaco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a safety recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

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The affected Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers ("Fifth Wheels") were manufactured from June 15, 1998 through July 11, 2003.

Please see **Attachment A** for identification of the Fifth Wheels in the recall campaign.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing facilities in Elkhart, Indiana, Springfield, Oregon and Coburg, Oregon which produced the affected Fifth Wheels.

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A total of Three Thousand-Four Hundred and Thirty Nine (3,439) Fifth Wheels are in the recall population. Please see **Attachment B** for the Serial Number and VIN break points.

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Monaco has determined that all of the Fifth Wheels in this recall population require the repair. The affected units consist of floor plans with (i) a large overhang in the rear and (ii) a slide-out room feature. The affected fifth wheel floor plans fall within the 34', 35', and 36' model units are designated as SKT, RLT, RKT, CKT, SKQ, and FKT, RET, SIT, SST and RT.

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Monaco became aware of a possible deficiency in the structural integrity of the main frame rails of the Venture frames as incorporated into certain floor plans of the Company's Fifth Wheels. This deficiency could potentially allow the axles to separate from the main frame rail.

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After detecting an increase in frame cracks and related failures at the Company's factory service centers as well in field reports from our technical support staff, the Company's engineering department initiated an investigation in conjunction with Venture Technologies, the Fifth Wheel frame supplier ("Venture"). The investigation was complicated by an intervening change in ownership of Venture and undocumented structural changes resulting difficulty in ascertaining manufacturing specifications. In the spirit of precaution Venture and Monaco created a complete repair procedure for all floor plans ever to experience even a single incident. Monaco is currently not aware of any casualty losses related to this issue.

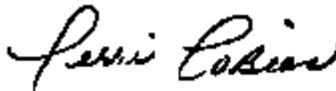
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The remedy will involve the addition of gussets plates and cross tubes to enhance strengthen the axle spring hangers.

Copies of the owner and dealer notification letters and the repair instructions are forthcoming for your pre-approval. The Company is prepared to begin Dealer and Owner Notification in October 2004.

Please acknowledge receipt of this defect information report and provide the recall number that will be assigned by NHTSA to this campaign.

Sincerely,



Terri Tobias
Recall Administrator
Monaco Coach Corporation

Attachment A

Venture Frame Recall R02233

573.5© (2) Identification of Fifth Wheels in Campaign

Holiday Rambler Alumascap

Model Year 1999 - 65
2000 - 131
2001 - 63
2002 - 137
2003 - 109
2004 - 18

Holiday Rambler Alum-Lite

Model Year 1999 - 36
2000 - 86

Holiday Rambler Imperial

Model Year 1999 - 29
2000 - 55

Holiday Rambler Presidential

Model Year 2001 - 339
2002 - 625
2003 - 752
2004 - 63

McKenzie Lakota

Model Year 2000 - 29
2001 - 55
2002 - 51
2003 - 21
2004 - 8

McKenzie Grand Medallion

Model Year 2000 - 19
2001 - 7

McKenzie Medallion

Model Year 1999 - 120
2000 - 134
2001 - 165
2002 - 167
2003 - 131
2004 - 24

Attachment B

Venture Frame Recall

573.5© (3) Specific Serial Number and VIN break points

1999 Holiday Rambler Alumascape with a starting serial number of 990312303470113-105917 through 990312303470113-111131 with the VIN range of 1KB331N27XE105917 through 1KB331N2XXE111131.

2000 Holiday Rambler Alumascape with a starting serial number of 000312303470113-111362 through 000312303470213-118981 with the VIN range of 1KB331N25YE111362 through 1KB331N22YE118981.

2001 Holiday Rambler Alumascape with a starting serial number of 010312303470113-118640 through 010312303670113-125382 with the VIN range of 1KB331N211E118640 through 1KB331R241E125382.

2002 Holiday Rambler Alumascape with a starting serial number of 020312303440396-124784 through 020312303440307-133263 with the VIN range of 1KB331N292E124784 through 1KB331P282E133263.

2003 Holiday Rambler Alumascape with a starting serial number of 030312303440306-133501 through 030312303440306-139647 with the VIN range of 1KB331R203E133501 through 1KB331R233E139647.

2004 Holiday Rambler Alumascape with a starting serial number of 040312303540397-139358 through 040312303440309-140744 with the VIN range of 1KB331R254E139358 through 1KB331R244E140744.

1999 Holiday Rambler Alumina-Lite with a starting serial number of 990312883470113-106821 through 990312883470113-111121 with the VIN range of 1KB381N28XE106821 through 1KB381N25XE111121.

2000 Holiday Rambler Alumina-Lite with a starting serial number of 000312883570113-110204 through 000312883570113-119172 with the VIN ranges of 1KB381P26YE110204 through 1KB381P29YE119172.

1999 Holiday Rambler Imperial with a starting serial number of 990312573670113-106179 through 990312573670113-111101 with the VIN range of 1KB371R24XE106179 through 1KB371R23XE111101.

2000 Holiday Rambler Imperial with a starting serial number of 000312573670113-110532 through 000312573670213-118270 with the VIN range of 1KB371R21YE110532 through 1KB371R24YE118270.

2001 Holiday Rambler Presidential with a starting serial number of 010312333470119-117794 through 010312333670113-125390 with the VIN range of 1KB371N261E117794 through 1KB311R261E125390.

2002 Holiday Rambler Presidential with a starting serial number of 020312333640397-124461 through 020312333440306-133176 with the VIN range of 1KB311R272E124461 through 1KB311R292E133176.

2003 Holiday Rambler Presidential with a starting serial number of 030312333440309-130464 through 030312333640397-140316 with the VIN range of 1KB311R283E130464 through 1KB311S273E140316.

2004 Holiday Rambler Presidential with a starting serial number of 040312333640395-137850 through 040312333440309-140750 with the VIN range of 1KB311S2X4E137850 through 1KB311R224E140750.

2000 McKenzie Lakota with a starting serial number of 001412413670113-500597 through 001712413670113-501111 with the VIN range of 4K0311R21Y3500597 through 4K0331R26Y3501111.

2001 McKenzie Lakota with a starting serial number of 010312413470113-119167 through 010312413670113-124508 AND 011712413470113-501135 through 011712413670113-501767 with the VIN range of 4K0331N271E119167 through 4K0331R271E124508 AND 4K0331N2413501135 through 4K0331R2513501767.

2002 McKenzie Lakota with a starting serial number of 020312413440396-125489 through 020312413440306-132514 AND 021712413440306-501928 through 021712413440396-701985 with the VIN range of 4K0331N222E125489 through 4K0331R272E132514 AND 4K0331N2423501928 through 4K0331R2523701985.

2003 McKenzie Lakota with a starting serial number of 030312413440306-132390 through 030312413440396-139520 with the VIN range of 4K0331R223E132390 through 4K0331R223E139520.

2004 McKenzie Lakota with a starting serial number of 040312413540307-139789 through 040312413440306-140730 with the VIN range of 4K0331Q264E139789 through 4K0331R254E140730.

2000 McKenzie Grand Medallion with a starting serial number of 001412423450100-500486 through 001712423450100-501158 with the VIN range of 4K0331N26Y3500486 through 4K0321N29Y3501158.

2001 McKenzie Grand Medallion with a starting serial number of 011412423650100-500702 through 011712423450100-501496 with the VIN range of 4K0321R2113500702 through 4K0321N2X13501496.

1999 McKenzie Medallion with a starting serial number of 991412403550100-993211 through 991412403550100-993787 with the VIN range of 4K0311P23X3993211 through 4K0311P22X3993787.

2000 McKenzie Medallion with a starting serial number of 001412403450100-500010 through 001712403450100-501118 with the VIN range of 4K0311N21Y3500010 through 4K0311N24Y3501118.

2001 McKenzie Medallion with a starting serial number of 010312403670113- 118676 through 010312403670113-125241 AND 011712403470119-501114 through 011712403670113-501857 with the VIN range of 4K0311R211E118676 through 4K0311R211E125241 AND 4K0311N2X13501114 through 4K0311R2913501857.

2002 McKenzie Medallion with a starting serial number of 020312403440306-124161 through 020312403640397-132970 AND 021712403440306-501820 through 021712403640397-702264 with the VIN range of 4K0311N2X2E124161 through 4K0311S202E132970 AND 4K0311N2923501820 through 4K0311S2723702264.

2003 McKenzie Medallion with a starting serial number of 030312403440399-131306 through 030312403640396-140120 with the VIN range of 4K0311R273E131306 through 4K0311S223E140120.

2004 McKenzie Medallion with a starting serial number of 040312403640395-138693 through 040312403640307-140752 with the VIN range of 4K0311R274E138693 through 4K0311S244E140752.