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February 27, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

07V-081  
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Re: Recall of Recreational Vehicles Equipped with Certain  
Defective Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Mr. Smith:

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has been notified by Dometic Corporation that certain refrigerators supplied to Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. for installation as original equipment on recreational vehicles may contain a safety-related defect. On the basis of information supplied by Dometic, Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. is submitting this report in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

**Products Affected**

This recall involves refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation:

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Engineering, Product Safety and Standards  
Dometic Corporation  
509 South Poplar Street  
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According to Dometic, this recall involves certain two-door refrigerator units manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003, model numbers NDR1062, RM26520, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852, RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862, and RM3863. Serial numbers of affected units are listed in Dometic's defect notice, NHTSA Recall 06E-076.

According to Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.'s records, the following vehicles were equipped with the subject refrigerators:

<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Manufacture Dates</u>
2001 – 2003	Caravan	March 1, 2001 through July 31, 2003
2004	Caravan/Micro-Lite	March 1, 2001 through July 31, 2003

Approximately 2,726 Fleetwood travel trailers manufactured with the subject Dometic refrigerators are affected. Dometic estimates that approximately 0.06% of the subject refrigerators may actually contain the defect. Fleetwood cannot estimate the number of vehicles that are likewise affected, but believes the percentage is approximately the same.

### **Description of Defect**

A fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, permitting the release of pressurized coolant solution into an area where an ignition source is present. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source, under certain circumstances, a fire can result.

### **Chronological Summary of Events**

On or about February 16, 2007, Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. received a letter from Dometic advising Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. of its determination that the subject refrigerators contain a safety-related defect, and describing Dometic's program for remedying the defective products. On the basis of Dometic's determination, Fleetwood decided to submit this defect notice in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573. **[Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. is not aware of any vehicle fire that may be related to this defect.]**

### **Program for Remedying the Defect**

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.'s vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. Please refer to Recall No. 06E-076 for details regarding Dometic's recall campaign and proposed remedy. Fleetwood will provide Dometic's representative with owner information for purposes of notification. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Dometic will reimburse them if they have incurred costs to obtain a remedy for a refrigerator containing such a defect prior to their receipt of the notification.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Craig Sclirock  
Technical Administrator

cc: Mr. George Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division, NHTSA

Mr. Patrick N. McConnell, Director  
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