



ENCLOSURE NO. 5

February 27, 2007

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

Re: Defect Information Report; Vehicles Equipment with
Certain Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Mr. Smith:

Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc. has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of Western RV's recreational vehicles, may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety because they may experience a leak of pressurized coolant solution which can result in a vehicle tire under certain circumstances. See attached list. On the basis of that, Dometic determination, Western RV has decided that there may be a potential safety defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified refrigerators, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at (866) 567-4133.

Sincerely,

Phil Mattoon
Customer Service Manager

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer's name/address:

Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc.
P. O. Box 9547
Yakima. WA 98909

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with certain models of refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between April 1997 and May 2003. The vehicle models in question are as follows: See Attached List.

The vehicles were manufactured during the period from April 1997 through May 2004.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 6,188.

4: Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on information received from Dometic, Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc. believes that approximately .06 percent of these vehicles actually contain the defect.

5. Description of the defect:

Under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Dometic advised Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc. of its defect determination by letter dated February 26, 2007. Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc. is aware of only one (1) fire in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc. decided to submit this defect report.

7: Program for remedying the defect:

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Western Recreational Vehicles, Inc. vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. See recall No. 06E-076. 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.



Phil Mattoon
Customer Service Manager

Western Recreational Vehicle Products 1997-2003 (Revised 2/26/07 – GSF)

Model	Series	Name	Model Year(s)
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	26 RK Pinehurst	1997
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	26 RL La Costa	1997
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	33 RK St Andrews	1997-1998
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	34 RL Appletree	1997-1998
Alpenlite Truck Camper		9 Odessa	1997-1999
Alpenlite Truck Camper		10 Durango	1997-1999
Alpenlite Truck Camper		10 Laredo	1997-1999
Alpenlite Truck Camper		11 Pendleton	1997-1999
Alpenlite Truck Camper		11 Silverton	1997-1999
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	27 RK Doral	1997-2000
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	29 RK Riviera	1997-2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	31 RK Hillcrest	1997-1998
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	31 RL Augusta	1997-1998
Western Wilderness Camper		8 Tahoe	1997-1999
Western Wilderness Camper		9 Sierra	1997-1999
Western Wilderness Camper		10 Rainier	1997-1999
Western Wilderness Camper		11 Sisikyou	1997-1999
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	29 RL Spyglass	1997-2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	34 RK Cypress	1997-2001
Alpine Coach		36 FDS	1998-2000
Alpine Coach		36 SDS	1998-2000
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	36 RL Stonecreek	1998-2001
Alpine Coach		36 FD	1999 & 2001
Alpine Coach		40 FDS	1999-2000
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	32 RK Hillcrest	1999-2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	32 RL Augusta	1999-2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	35 RL Shorecliff	1999-2001
Alpine Coach		38 FDS	2000
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	35 RK Avalon	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	"L"	LS850 Laramie	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	"L"	LX850 Cimarron	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Deluxe	8DX Tahoe	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Deluxe	9DX Sierra	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Deluxe	10DX Rainier	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Deluxe	10DX Sisikyou	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Deluxe	11DXDB Cascade	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	9 Odessa	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	10 Durango	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	10 Laredo	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	11 Pendleton	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	11 Santa Fe	2000-2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	11 Silverton	2000-2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	29 RK Valhalla	2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	30 RK Ridgewood	2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	30 RL Oakmont	2001
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Alpenlite	32 RL Medinah	2001
Alpenlite Truck Camper	"L"	911 Sedona	2001

Model	Series	Name	Model Year(s)
Alpine Coach		36 WD	2001
Alpine Coach		40 FD	2001
Alpine Coach		34 FDDS	2001-2003
Alpine Coach		36 FDDS	2001-2003
Alpine Coach		36 MDDS	2001-2003
Alpine Coach		38 FDDS	2001-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	29 RL Spyglass	2002
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	35 RL Shorecliff	2002
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	29 RK Riviera	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	30 RK Ridgewood	2002-2003
Alpine Coach		40 FDTS	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	36 RL Stonecreek	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	30 RL Oakmont	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	32 RK Hillcrest	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Villa	32 RL Versailles	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Villa	33 RK St Thomas	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	29 RK Valhalla	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	32 RL Augusta	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Limited	32 RL Medinah	2002-2003
Alpenlite Fifth-Wheel	Villa	36 RL Portofino	2002-2003
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	800 Laramie	2002-2003
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	850 Cimarron	2002-2003
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	900 Cheyenne	2002-2003
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	950 Cheyenne	2002-2003
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	1100 Santa Fe	2002-2003
Alpenlite Truck Camper	Limited	1150 Santa Fe	2002-2003
Alpine Coach		40 MDTS	2003
Aspen Travel Trailer	Aspen	28 RK	2003-2003
Aspen Travel Trailer	Aspen	28 RL	2003-2003