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Re: Recall of Recreational Vehicles Equipped with Certain
Defective Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Mr. Person:

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. has been notified by Dometic Corporation that certain refrigerators supplied to Fleetwood for installation as original equipment on recreational vehicles may contain a safety-related defect. On the basis of information supplied by Dometic, Fleetwood 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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According to Dometic, this recall involves certain two-door refrigerator units manufactured between June 1, 2003 and September 30, 2006 model numbers NDR1062, RM2652, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852, RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862, and RM3863. Serial numbers of affected units are listed in Dometic's defect notice, NHTSA Recall 08E-032.

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

<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Manufacture Dates</u>
<i>Class A Motor Homes - Gas</i>		
2003 - 2007	Southwind	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Pace Arrow	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Bounder	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Flair	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Storm	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Fiesta	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Terra	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006

Class A Motor Homes - Diesel

2003 - 2007	Bounder	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Discovery	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Providence	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Excursion	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Expedition	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Revolution	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	American Eagle	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	American Heritage	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	American Tradition	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006

Class C Motor Homes

2003 - 2007	Jamboree	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Tioga	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006

Conventional and Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers

2003 - 2007	Prowler	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Wilderness	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Terry	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Mallard	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Pioneer	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Pride	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006
2003 - 2007	Triumph	April 1, 2003 through November 30, 2006

Approximately 9,988 Fleetwood motor homes and 60,113 Fleetwood travel trailers manufactured with the subject Dometic refrigerators are affected. Dometic estimates that approximately .005% 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 July 1, 2008, Fleetwood received a letter from Dometic advising Fleetwood 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.

Program for Remedying the Defect

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Fleetwood's vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. Please refer to Recall No. 08E-032 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Biazo". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "B".

Craig Biazo, Director
Travel Trailer Service

cc: Mr. Patrick N. McConnell, Director
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Chuck James, Director
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