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

Re: Notification Regarding Recreational Vehicles Equipped with Certain Defective Power Awnings
Manufactured by Dometic, Inc.

Dear Mr. Smith:

Fleetwood RV, Inc. has been notified by Dometic, Inc., that certain power awnings 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.

This recall involves Weatherpro or 9100 Series power awnings manufactured by Dometic, Inc.:

Mr. Patrick N. McConnell
Dometic, Corporation
509 South Poplar St.
Lagrange, IN 46761
Telephone: 260-463-2191
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On April 19, Fleetwood RV received an email notification from Dometic advising of their determination that the subject awnings may contain a safety-related defect, and describing Dometic's program for remedying the potentially defective products. On the basis of Dometic's determination, Fleetwood RV decided to submit this defect notice in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

According to Dometic, the affected products include Weatherpro and 9100 series power awnings produced February 13, 2013 through April 9, 2013, with product serial numbers between 306xxxx and 314xxxx.

Based on Fleetwood RV's manufacturing records, the following Class A and Class C vehicles shipped by Fleetwood RV, Inc., may have been equipped with the subject awnings:

<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Manufacture Dates</u>
2013-2014	Bounder	3/6/2013 to 4/19/2013
2013-2014	Bounder Classic	3/28/2013 to 4/19/2013
2013-2014	Discovery	3/7/2013 to 4/19/2013
2014	Excursion	3/20/2013 to 4/19/2013
2014	Expedition	3/22/2013 to 4/19/2013
2014	Jamboree Sport	4/13/2013 (single unit)
2013	Jamboree Sport Diesel	3/20/2013 (single unit)
2014	Montara Commercial	3/1/2013 to 3/29/2013
2013	Providence	3/7/2013 to 3/14/2013
2014	Searcher Commercial	3/7/2013 to 3/28/2013
2014	Southwind	4/12/2013 to 4/17/2013
2014	Storm	4/4/2013 to 4/15/2013
2014	Terra	4/4/2013 to 4/15/2013
2013	Tioga DSL	3/22/2013 to 4/9/2013
2014	Tioga Ranger	4/6/2013 to 4/19/2013
2013	Tioga Ranger DSL	3/28/2013 to 4/12/2013

Approximately 196 Fleetwood RV, Inc., motor homes manufactured with the subject Dometic awnings are affected. Dometic has not provided the approximate percentage of the subject awnings that may actually contain the defect. Fleetwood cannot estimate the number of vehicles that are likewise affected.

According to Dometic's notification to NHTSA, Dometic implemented a design change on its power awnings on February 13, 2013. The design change altered the torque load on the awning motor such that the motor assembly screws absorb the rotational torque. Abnormal torque creates the potential to shear the motor assembly screws inside the awning roller tube, allowing the awning to unfurl unexpectedly.

Dometic's planned remedy is to replace the motor assembly with a different motor assembly. According to Dometic, the replacement motor assembly "does not have screws holding the motor assembly together in such a way as to be vulnerable to torque-shearing."

Fleetwood has no reason to disagree with this action or the recall remedy. Fleetwood is relying on Dometic and NHTSA to monitor campaign performance. Fleetwood RV, Inc., will provide Dometic's representative with owner information for purposes of notification

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Craig Biazio". The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Craig Biazio
National Warranty Manager
Fleetwood RV, Inc.

Cc: dave.schutz@dometic.com