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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Equipment

Part 573 Defects and Noncompliance Report

On, April 18, 2013, Forest River, Inc. decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in models of motor vehicle equipment listed below:

2013-2014 Models using the Dometic Awning:

Makes using the Dometic Awning.

Cargo Mate Division
Eliminator

Coachmen Division:

Brookstone
Catalina
Chaparral
Concord
Encouner
Freedom Express
Frelander
Leprechaun
Mirada
Pursuit
Sportcoach

Shasta Division:

Revere
Phoenix

Prime Time Manufacturing Division:

Avenger
Crusader
Lacrosse
Saniber
Tracer

Palomino Division:
Maverick Truck Camper

Forest River, Inc.
Blue Ridge
Cardinal
Cherokee
Columbus
EVO
Georgetown
Flagstaff
Forester
Lexington
Puma
Rockwood
Sabre
Salem
Sandpiper
Sandstorm
Sierra
Stealth
Sunseeker
Wildcat
Wildwood
Work and Play
XLR

Forest River is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this revised report was prepared: May 17, 2013

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer/brand name/trademark owner of the recalled item of equipment. If the recalled item of equipment is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, which the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Manufacturer Name: Dometic Corporation
Address: 2320 Industrial Parkway
City, State and Zip: Elkhart, IN 46516

Telephone Number: 1-888-447-0003

Name and Title of the person who prepared this report.

Regards,

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I. Identify the Recalled Items of Equipment: 9100 Power Awning, Weatherpro Awning.

2. Identify the Items of Equipment Involved in this Recall, for each make and model or applicable item of equipment product line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the item of equipment), provide:

Generic name of the item:

Make: 9100 Power Awning, Weatherpro Awning

Part Number: Size: N/A

Function: Awning for shading the side of a Recreational Vehicle.

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make:

Part Number:

Function:

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make:

Part Number: Size:

Function:

Model Years Involved: 2013

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Make: Model:

Part Number: Size:

Function:

Other information which characterizes/distinguishes the items of equipment to be recalled:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 2009, through April 1, 2009, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period? February 13, 2013 to April 18, 201. Less than 10% of total Recreational Vehicles manufactured.

II. Identifying the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of items of equipment recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Number of Items 9526

Model Year Potentially Involved 2013

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: We are repairing this defect on all units that are on premises and in ship yards. We do not have a final number of units that may have shipped with this defect. Forest River stopped all shipments until the unit was checked and repaired. The repair crews are compiling a list of VIN number to compare to the list of VIN numbers of units produced in that time period.

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of items of equipment estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: Unknown

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled items of equipment: Dometic Corporation provided a listing by plant the number of 9100 Power awnings that were delivered.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

In the installation of the awning there is a cotter pin in the end of the fabric tube that must be removed and discarded. This step may have been bypassed during the installation therefore possibly damaging the drive motor.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

If this motor damage occurs it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the coach is at rest or while in transit.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

The awning can unfurl without warning.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

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Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier: David Schutz Vice President – RV Sales and Marketing.

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

Forest River learned of this when RV's were being transported to the dealers and the awning unfurled in transit beginning about 4/8/2013. Dometic Corporation was contacted and upon inspection and testing done by their engineering it was determined that there was a safety issue with the drive motor.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Forest River will create a list by VIN number of potential units and deduct the VIN numbers of units that were already repaired. This cleansed list will be forwarded to Dometic Corporation who will use an outside agency to contact all dealers and owners of record with a letter of product recall.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Dometic will replace the motor completely with a new designed motor.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state.

If the product was discontinued, so state.

Dometic indicated to Forest River that the motor that is used in the servicing of the defective awnings will be the same motor that will be used in all future products.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Forest River has identified the VIN number of all products that have not been repaired and forward the numbers to Dometic Corporation and they will provide quarterly reports of the recall campaign.