



U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects 2008 JUL 15 AM 9:42
1-888-DASH-2-DOT
(1-888-327-4236)
INTERNET: www.nhtsa.dot.gov/hotline

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10229874

OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name [REDACTED]
Address [REDACTED]
City RAYVILLE State MO Zip Code [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number [REDACTED]
Evening Telephone Number [REDACTED]
E-mail Address [REDACTED]

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle? ☐ YES ☒ NO
In the absence of an authorization, NHTSA WILL NOT provide your name or address to the vehicle manufacturer.
Signature of Owner _____ Date ____/____/____

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side _____ Make _____ Model _____ Model Year _____
Date Purchased _____ Dealer's Name and Telephone Number _____ Engine: _____ Fuel Type: _____
Original Owner ☐ Dealer's City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____ No: Cylinders _____
Transmission Type ☐ Antilock Brakes Powertrain _____ Vehicle Component Code 351000 EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE
☐ Cruise Control Multiple Failure: _____

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s) 12-MAY-2008
Failure Mileage _____ Failure Speed _____

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make _____ Tire Model (Name or Number) _____ Tire Size (Example P215/65R15) _____
DOT No. (Example: DOTM19ABC036) ☐ Original Equipment ☐ Prior Repair Failure Location: _____
Tire Component Code _____ Tire Failure Type _____

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: _____ Date Manufactured: _____ Model No./Name: _____
Seat Type: _____ Installation System: _____
Child Seat Component Code: _____ Failed Part: _____

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash ☐ Yes ☒ No Fire ☐ Yes ☒ No
Number of Persons Injured 0 Number of Deaths 0 Reported to Police N

Narrative Description of Incident(S), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).

Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL*THE CONTACT OWNS A 2002 FOREST RIVER SIERRA. THE VEHICLE HAS A DOMETIC REFRIGERATOR, MODEL RM2652. THE CONTACT RECEIVED A RECALL NOTICE FOR NHTSA CAMPAIGN ID NUMBER 07V085000 (EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE) IN MAY OF 2008. HE IMMEDIATELY SCHEDULED AN APPOINTMENT TO HAVE THE VEHICLE REPAIRED. A TECHNICIAN STATED THAT BECAUSE THE REFRIGERATOR HAD ALREADY CRACKED AND BEGAN LEAKING AMMONIA, THEY WOULD NOT ASSUME ANY LIABILITY FOR REPAIRING THE VEHICLE. THE MANUFACTURER STATED THAT THE RECALL EXPIRED. THE CURRENT AND FAILURE MILEAGES WERE NOT APPLICABLE.

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a Manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Failure(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies)

Due To The Failure Of The Known Problem Valve The Refrigerator Cannot Be Used Because Of Fire Problem. Dometic Knew About The Problem Components, Sent Out A Recall On, Would Repair If Not Already Leaking, But Will Not Replace Now That The Faulty Component Has Failed Completely. Repairman Knows Of Three Or Four Other Units That Have Also Failed That Dometic Will Not Replace.

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U.S. Department
of Transportation

National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE,
Washington, D.C. 20077-9382

Official Business
Penalty for Private Use \$300



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WASHINGTON, DC

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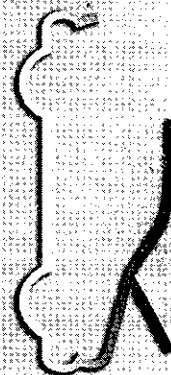
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SECURITY OPERATIONS

U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation, NVS-210
1200 New Jersey Ave SE
Washington, DC 20077-9382



**Think your vehicle
has a safety defect?**



If so:

**Use the enclosed
form to file a report.**

or visit:

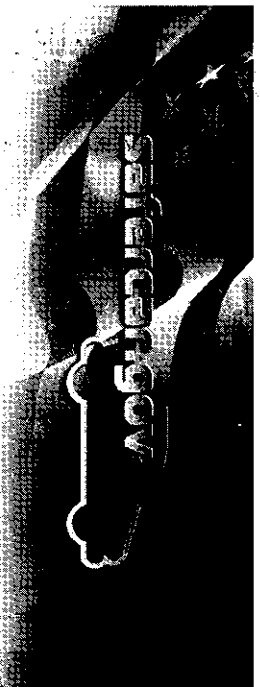
www.safercar.gov

or call:

**Vehicle Safety Hotline
888-327-4236**



Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire (VOQ)
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration



Jun 4th 8:30 A.M.
Tiffany: Won't Do Anything About
Problem Now That It Looks.
1-888-327-4236

Tim's R.V. Repair
Rt 2 Box 417B
Flemington, MO
65656

Filed Complaint With N.T.M.V.
Complaint # 102-298-74 QDI National Traffic &
Motor Vehicle Safety Act

ID # 2185-2549 For Repairs
RM 2652 Model #
124-05383 Serial #
921-14-40-44 Prod. #

Wor,
Call Get Price Quote Then
Call 1-888-446-5157
860-2560
417-865-6125
Vount
417-882-4539



IMPORTANT

Dometic Recall Information

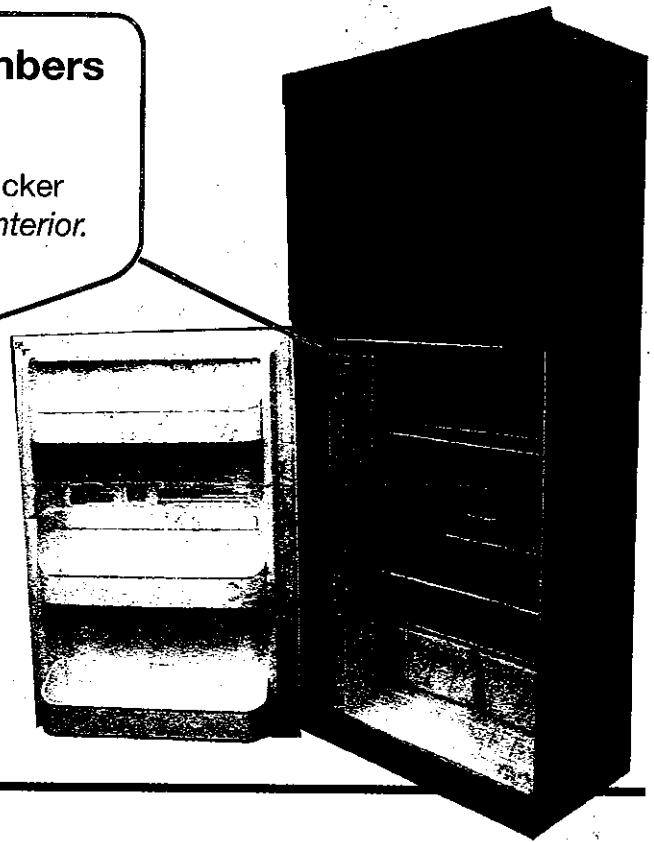
SERIAL NUMBER/GAS VALVE INSTRUCTIONS

RECALL 06E-076

Where to find the serial and model numbers on your Dometic refrigerator

The serial and model numbers are both located on a sticker inside the fridge door. *It could be on either side of the interior.*

Remember, the model number starts with RM or NDR, and the serial number is 8 digits long.



I.D. # For Repairs 218.52549

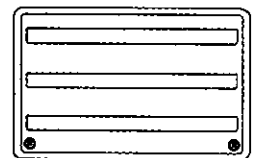
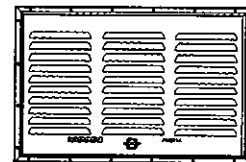
Model # RM2652

Serial # [REDACTED]

Prod # 921-14-40-44

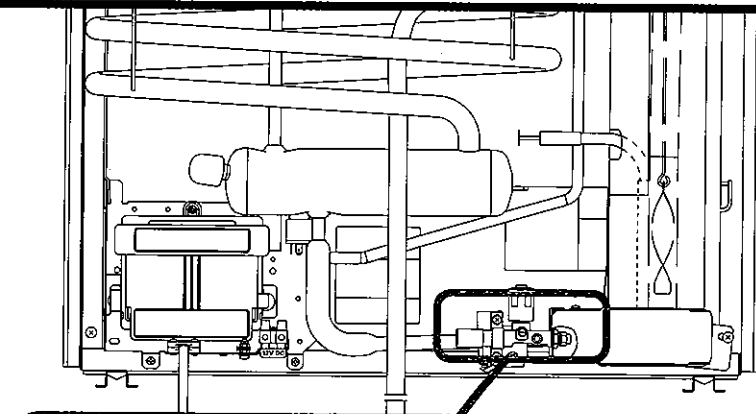
How to close the gas valve on your Dometic refrigerator

The manual gas valve is located at the back of your refrigerator near the floor as seen in the diagram to the left. Access the back of your refrigerator by removing the vent on the side of your coach. The vent will look like one of the two following illustrations:



The gas valve is opened and closed by adjusting a screw. To close the valve, use either your fingers or a flat-head screwdriver to turn the screw 1/4 turn clockwise.

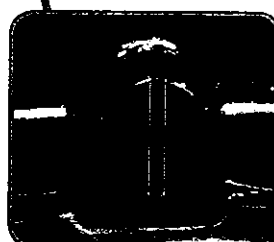
The valve is closed if the flathead slot in the screw runs up and down. The valve is still open if the flathead slot in the screw runs side to side.



Open



Turn Clockwise



Closed

Please do not simply go to a dealer or service center without an appointment, since some facilities will not be performing this work, and the ones that are doing the work will need to obtain the appropriate parts from us. Please bring this letter with you at the time of your scheduled service.

- 6) If the repair facility fails or is unable to rework this noncompliance without charge and within a reasonable time, please contact us at the number provided above so we can attempt to resolve the problem. You may also submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.
- 7) If you previously paid to repair or replace a Dometic refrigerator that failed due to this defect, you can be reimbursed for your costs pursuant to Dometic's Pre-Notification Reimbursement Program. To be eligible for reimbursement under that Program, you must complete and submit the required form and provide the necessary documentation. The Program and form can be obtained by calling 1-888-446-5157.

If You No Longer Own This Recreational Vehicle:

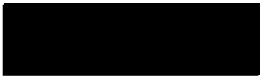
If you are no longer the owner of the recreational vehicle, we would greatly appreciate you furnishing us with the name and address of the new owner by calling 1-888-446-5157.

You May Receive More Than One Mailing In Regards To The Recall:

To reach as many customers as possible, Forest River and Dometic will each send notifications in regards to this recall. Be advised that though you may receive multiple notifications, all pertain to this same, single recall.

Your safety and satisfaction with your Forest River product are important to us and we regret any inconvenience to you.

Sincerely,



Called 3-12-2008

WHAT WE WILL DO

Forest River, in cooperation with Dometic, will provide owners of all covered refrigerators a rework for the potential defect at no charge for parts or labor. The rework consists of secondary burner housing, a thermal fuse and a melt fuse.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

How Do I Know If My Refrigerator Is Being Recalled?

- 1) Find your refrigerators' model and serial numbers by opening the refrigerator door and looking for the sticker attached to the side wall of the interior. See the photo instructions included in this mailing for the exact location of the sticker.
- 2) Call **1-888-446-5157** or go to **www.DometicUSA.com** to confirm if your refrigerator is affected by the recall.

What to Do:

- 1) **Turn the refrigerator off immediately if you notice any of the following indicators:**
 - Leakage or staining at the back of the refrigerator.
 - Yellow residue at the back or sides of the refrigerator.
 - The smell of ammonia.
 - Refrigerator does not properly cool

Any unit found to have one or more of the characteristics mentioned above MUST be shut down and not operated until the unit is fixed and the recall rework administered.

For any unit that does fall within the recall population, but does not exhibit any of the four indicators mentioned in #1, consider the following:

- 2) Do not operate your refrigerator on LP gas. Switching to electric power lowers the incident rate associated with LP gas. If you own a 3-way refrigerator, running the unit on 12-volt power carries the least risk of all. 3-way refrigerators have model numbers that end in "3".

Dometic recommends that the unit not be operated on electric unless absolutely necessary until your unit has been serviced. **If you choose to operate your unit on electric prior to the recall rework, you must inspect the burner area weekly for any of the indicators referenced in number 1 above.**

- 3) Dometic recommends that you turn off the gas valve at the back of your refrigerator. **DO NOT**, however, attempt to disconnect the gas supply. Instructions on how to turn off the gas valve are included in this envelope.
- 4) If you must operate your refrigerator on electric, **DO NOT** operate your refrigerator while in transit or while occupants are asleep.
- 5) The rework kit is available. Please call your preferred service center to set up an appointment. For help in locating a service center, or for the most up-to-date recall information, call 1-888-446-5157.

RM2652

Prod # 921-14-40-44

Serial



Scott's Holiday Carrel

Tim

Panel #32
Kit Service Call
Amie 11 \$75.00



Subject: Forest River Dometic Refrigerator Recall
NHTSA Recall # 07V85000

Dear Valued Customer:

07V085000

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Forest River has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles it manufactured equipped with Dometic refrigerators. This decision was based on information provided by Dometic Corporation that a defect exists in some of the refrigerators that Dometic manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003 for installation in recreational vehicles. Forest River installed these refrigerators in recreational vehicles that it manufactured from April 1997 to May 2003.

The Problem:

A fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the identified 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.

Affected Units:

The potentially affected refrigerators have the following model numbers:

NDR1062, RM2652, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852, RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862, RM3863

The possibly affected units have serial numbers beginning with the following combinations:

713xxxxx through 752xxxxx

801xxxxx through 852xxxxx

901xxxxx through 952xxxxx

001xxxxx through 052xxxxx

101xxxxx through 152xxxxx

201xxxxx through 252xxxxx

301xxxxx through 319xxxxx.

Goodies The Dealer Rep.
417-282-6338

If you own one of the above units, it requires immediate service and continuing use could pose a potential safety hazard.

RM2652 Model #

FD# 21852549

124-05383 Serial #