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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Dear

Thank you for your correspondence dated October 28, 2008, concerning your model year (MY) 2006 Zinger Travel Trailer equipped with a Dometic refrigerator. Your correspondence was received by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation on December 4, 2008.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. However, we cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

In your letter you describe the failure of your Dometic refrigerator and your family's subsequent discomfort and illness. The Dometic refrigerator cools by means of an absorption reaction involving ammonia which can cause reactions similar to that you described in your letter. NHTSA is unaware of any long term health hazards resulting from exposure to the ammonia coolant solution in Dometic refrigerators. A search of our database indicated no other similar complaints. However NHTSA's Defects Analysis Division will continue to monitor any future complaints.

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[www.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov)

Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank S. Borris II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "F" and "B".

Frank S. Borris II, Acting Chief  
Correspondence Research Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
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Enclosures