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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Via USPS Certified Mail
All American Group, Inc.
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EQ10-006
10E-027
10V-201

Attn: Compliance Dept. / Warranty Dept.

Dear Sir or Madam,

The purpose of this letter is to make you aware of a potential safety problem in vehicles that you manufactured and to remind you of your responsibilities under Federal law. We also request a written response from your company upon processing the required information outlined below.

The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI), Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting an equipment query (EQ) investigation in relation to certain Dimplex brand electric fireplaces that the manufacturer has decided contain a safety related defect that could cause a vehicle fire. This investigation has been assigned the identification EQ10-006.

In a letter dated May 3, 2010 Skyline Corporation (Skyline) notified the NHTSA that it had decided certain model year 2004-2007 Skyline Park Model trailers contain a safety related defect. Skyline stated that certain trailers were originally equipped with Dimplex electric fireplaces and stoves containing a plug-in remote control receiver that can overheat, possibly causing a fire. NHTSA assigned recall number 10V-201 to this matter. On June 24, 2010, Dimplex North America Ltd. (Dimplex) notified the NHTSA of the same defect in equipment sold to WESCO International, Inc. (WESCO), a distributor, for resale. NHTSA assigned recall number 10E-027 to this matter. Copies of the respective notifications are enclosed for your information.

In correspondence with WESCO, it was learned that All American Group, Inc. / Coachmen RV (your company) was identified as a purchaser of these defective electric fireplaces.

Pursuant to Federal law, manufacturers of motor vehicles sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States must notify NHTSA, within five (5) business days, when they first learn a safety defect or a noncompliance with a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard exists in one of their vehicles. In the case of a defect or noncompliance in original equipment installed in the vehicles of more than one manufacturer, notification to NHTSA must be made by the original equipment manufacturer as to the equipment item, and by each vehicle manufacturer as to those vehicles it manufactured in which the defective equipment

was installed. The content of that notification is specified in 49 U.S.C. 573.6, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report. As of this date, we have not received the required report from your company.

This letter serves to remind you of your company's responsibilities, and to request that you make a timely defect decision and supply the requisite Defect Information Report. Guidance is provided in the following paragraphs to assist you in determining whether or not you are required to file a report. If you are required to file a report, please provide the information required by 49 CFR 573.6. Detailed information about that report follows. Additionally, please include the date on which you received notification of this matter from Dimplex.

If you primarily sell new vehicles or equipment for purposes other then resale, please identify yourself as a dealer. If you primarily sell new vehicles or equipment for resale, please identify yourself as a distributor. If you manufacture new motor vehicles, please identify yourself as a vehicle manufacturer. Please keep in mind trailers are defined by the U.S. Safety Act as motor vehicles. If you manufacture original equipment for new motor vehicles, please identify yourself as an original equipment manufacturer. If you manufacture motor vehicle equipment for resale, please identify yourself as a replacement equipment manufacturer. (For more detailed definitions please see 49 U.S.C. § 30102). Only vehicle and equipment manufacturers are required to file 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports with NHTSA.

Please Note: A person/company that *alters* new vehicles with the installation of these electric fireplaces may also be required to file a Defect Information Report with NHTSA. Should this equipment be installed on a vehicle that is then sold to the first retail purchaser, a Defect Information Report will be required. Should you have any questions regarding your company's obligations in this matter, please contact Alex Ansley of NHTSA RMD at (202) 493-0481 or alexander.ansley@dot.gov.

In view of this safety risk, and your company's obligations under Federal law, we are also reminding your company that it is required to issue timely notification to owners who may have purchased vehicles with the defective electric fireplaces. In advance of issuing its owner notification letters, your company must submit a draft of its letter to NHTSA for review. Your company is reminded that this letter must meet the requirements of 49 CFR 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision." Your company is further reminded that notifications must be sent to those persons registered under State law as the owners of the vehicles. If particular owners cannot be reasonably ascertained by State records, notifications must be sent to those persons you identify as the most recent purchasers. We are also reminding your company that it is required to notify dealers and distributors as required by 49 CFR 577.13.

In addition to the Defect Information Report and the draft owner notification letter, please also provide a proposed schedule for conducting the owner notification that includes the following information:

a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;

b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner notification;

c. the approximate date on which the owner notification will begin;

d. the approximate date on which the owner notification will be completed (if the owner notification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner notification date for each segment); and

e. the approximate date on which the dealer notification will be completed.

Please further note that you must file six quarterly recall status reports as required by 49 CFR 573.7. These reports are to be filed on consecutive yearly quarters beginning with the quarter in which notification to owners begins.

If your company has not received any of this equipment, or if your products are not available to be sold, offered for sale, delivered, or imported into the United States, please so state. If your company does not manufacture motor vehicles and has not resold this equipment, but this equipment is in your possession, NHTSA recommends contacting Dimplex for the appropriate action. If your company does not agree with Dimplex that a defect exists in these electric fireplaces, you must submit a written response explaining your decision including all supporting documents, analysis, and/or tests.

This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30165 or lead to an action for injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30163.

If your company claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, your company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, as amended (69 Fed. Reg. 21409 et seq; April 21, 2004), to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-111), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room W41-227, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. Your company is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information (except only one copy of blueprints) and one copy of the documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted. Please remember that the word "CONFIDENTIAL" must appear at the top of each page containing information claimed to be confidential, and the information must be clearly identified in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 512.6.

Your company's written response must be submitted to this office within 10 days of receiving this letter. In your response, please be certain to include a reference to this matter's identification number which is EQ10-006.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Alex Ansley of my staff at (202) 493-0481 or by e-mail at alexander.ansley@dot.gov. Response submissions may be made by US Mail, fax (202) 366-7882, or e-mail rmd.odi@dot.gov.

Sincerely,

Jennifer T. Timian
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Enclosures

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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

May 3, 2010

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Washington, DC 20590

Re: Plug in remote control receiver for fireplace recall

Dear Sir or Madam:

Skyline Corporation, on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing facilities, has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain recreational vehicles as described below.

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.5(c), Skyline hereby submits the following information:

1. Name of Manufacturer:

   Homette Corporation and Layton Homes Corp., both of which are wholly-owned subsidiaries of Skyline Corporation. Skyline Corporation's mailing address is PO Box 743 Elkhart, IN 46515.

2. Vehicles Involved:

   The vehicles covered by this recall are model year 2004 through 2007 Park Model Trailers.

   The vehicles were manufactured between June 1, 2003 and May 31, 2007.

3. Number of Vehicles:

   The total number of vehicles covered by this recall is 44.

4. Approximate Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Actually Contain the Defect:

   Dimplex, the manufacturer of the component, has received about 5,000 reports of the plug-in wall units overheating. Skyline purchased 44 units from this supplier. However we cannot determine if a vehicle is affected without inspecting the park model trailers.

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5. Description of Defect:

In some instances, the plug-in remote control receiver, which is a component of a factory installed fireplace, can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

6. Chronological Summary of Events Leading to this Determination:

Skyline learned of this defect through notification from our fireplace supplier. Skyline is not aware of any injuries or other incidents as a result of this condition.

7. Program for Remedying the Defect:

Skyline plans to send a recall notice to all owners or dealers with instructions for self inspection or with information to have a dealer perform an inspection to identify an affected remote control unit. Skyline has received a supply of replacement remote control units from the part supplier and will deliver one replacement unit to each owner of an affected unit. Skyline recognizes that as a final stage vehicle manufacturer it remains responsible for the successful completion of the recall campaign.

8. Recall Notice:

Attached please find a copy of the proposed owner and dealer notifications, the mailing envelope and the reply card to be returned for self inspections performed that verify the remote control receiver model information and to inform of a new owner. Skyline has identified the addresses of all owners and will provide quarterly reports of the recall completion.

Your prompt approval of Skyline's recall is requested. I can be reached by telephone at 574-294-6521 from 8:00 am until 5:00 pm EDT. My FAX number is 574-522-5257.

Sincerely,

Ronald E. Foster

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PART 573 DEFECT REPORT

Report Date: June 24 2010

The following information is submitted pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573:

Manufacturer Identification

Manufacturer: Dimplex North America Ltd.
1367 Industrial Road
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Product Identification and Recall Population

This recall involves approximately 24,447 plug-in remote control receivers that were shipped from approximately August 2001 through December 2009 to Dimplex North America's primary distributor, WESCO International, Inc.[1] (The subject parts were manufactured from 1998 through 2008.) WESCO subsequently resold some of these parts for use as original equipment on recreational vehicles (motorhomes and trailers) in the United States.

The affected plug-in remote control receivers were sold individually (i.e., as a remote accessory) under the following part numbers:

Remote Accessories and Replacement Parts:

6800050200RP
6800050300RP
6800050400RP
6800240200RP
BFPI-RC

The affected plug-in remote control receivers were also shipped with the following electric fireplace and stove kits:

Electric Fireplace Kits:

BF6000
BF6000*
DF2305

[1] This population represents Dimplex North America's estimate only of the maximum number of units that may have been installed as original equipment in motor vehicles. We do not know how many of the units shipped to WESCO were, in fact, installed in motor vehicles and how many were sold for use in other applications, such as manufactured housing.

DF2603
DFI2309
NNF5500

Electric Stove Kit:

DS5598RC

Description of Defect

In some instances, the plug-in remote control receiver can overheat, posing a fire hazard. Dimplex North America has received multiple reported incidents involving damage that extends beyond the failure of the product itself. Dimplex North America has received one report of a fire (non-vehicle) causing property damage, and no reports of injuries or fatalities.

Chronology of Events

On March 16, 2010, Dimplex North America, in cooperation with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, announced a voluntary recall and replacement program for approximately 700,000 plug-in remote control receivers included with certain Dimplex, Electraflame, Symphony, Optiflame, Electralog and Charmglow branded electric fireplaces, stoves and fireplace inserts.

Because some of these products were sold to an independent distributor that, in turn, sold at least *some* of the subject parts to recreational vehicle manufacturers for installation as original equipment, Dimplex has decided, at the request of the Office of Defect Investigations, Recall Management Division, to file this defect notice to facilitate notification to such vehicle manufacturers. (Dimplex North America does not concede that these components constitute "motor vehicle equipment," as the vast majority of the 700,000 affected parts are used in non-vehicular applications.)

Remedy Program

Dimplex North America has notified its direct customer, WESCO International, Inc., of this recall. WESCO has been instructed to stop the sale of the affected products and to return all unsold inventory to Dimplex North America. Dimplex North America is also working with WESCO to identify and notify downstream purchasers of the affected products.

Dimplex North America will provide owners of the affected components a free replacement plug-in remote control kit.

Part 577 Notice Letter and Dealer Notification

Dimplex North America will submit draft owner and dealer correspondence shortly and is prepared to proceed with its notification program within five days after NHTSA's review of these communications.

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