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Investigation: EQ 10-006
Prompted by: 10V-201
Date Opened: 06/22/2010
Investigator: Alexander Ansley
Approver: George Person
Subject: Dimplex Fireplace Remote Control Kits

MANUFACTURER & PRODUCT INFORMATION

Manufacturer: DIMPLEX NORTH AMERICA LTD.
Products: MODELS # 47-1001, 47-1010-R, APT-135 made 1/1998 - 12/2008
Population: 700,000 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Certain Dimplex fireplace remote control modules can overheat and cause a fire.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	TBD	TBD
Crashes/Fires:	0	TBD	TBD
Injury Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD
Fatality Incidents:	0	TBD	TBD

ACTION / SUMMARY INFORMATION

Action: Open EQ

Summary:

On May 11, 2010, Skyline Corporation 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 containing a plug-in remote control receiver that can overheat, possibly causing a fire. NHTSA assigned recall number 10V-201 to this matter.

In early May 2010, Thor Industries contacted RMD regarding the use of these Dimplex fireplaces in several of its recreational vehicles. A Defect Report for these vehicles will be requested by RMD. Upon initial contact with Dimplex, it was learned that these fireplaces are sold through a distributor that may sell them to many other recreational vehicle manufacturers to be installed as original equipment. Dimplex has issued a recall with the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (#10-167) for 700,000 units and a Defect Report for original equipment used in a motor vehicle will be requested by RMD.

This investigation is being opened to determine if proper and timely notice has been given to each purchaser of the defective electric fireplaces, to determine if additional defect notices are required by vehicle manufacturers who may have installed this equipment into motor vehicles, and to ensure that proper and timely safety recall campaigns are conducted.