

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03V-094 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **March 7, 2003**

Date Faxed: **March 12, 2003**

MANUFACTURER: **Southern Comfort Conversions**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Mr. Chuck Golson, Director of Engineering**

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SUBJECT: 3,674 Southern Comfort 2000-2003 Chevrolet G-Van, Tahoe, Suburban, pickup trucks, GMC G-Van, Yukon, Suburban, pickup trucks, Ford E Van, pickup trucks, Explorer, Expedition, and Dodge minivan conversions equipped with Southern Comfort manufactured running boards containing certain courtesy lights manufactured by American Technology Components, Inc. These units contain a courtesy light or lights that might overheat when the wire harness is exposed to excessive moisture and road salt. This overheating condition can cause the running board to melt.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written if we have additional comments or concerns.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and are suggesting the following changes. Please change the word "determined" to "decided" in the first sentence of the second paragraph and add the words "or cause a fire" at the end of the second paragraph, i.e., "This overheating condition can cause the running board to melt or cause a fire."

Also please add a sentence concerning leased vehicles, i.e., "Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

If owner letters have already been mailed out, you do not need to re-send these letters with the changes from above. If you have not already sent out the letters, please make the changes as suggested.

Effective January 15, 2003, manufacturers are required by 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) to provide the agency with a plan stating how they will reimburse owners for prenotification remedies. This plan can be provided in a general format and referred to in future Defect/Noncompliance Information Reports or a new plan can be submitted with each recall.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification began March 7, 2003. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2003.

If you have any questions, please call:



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