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OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
March 17, 2004

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
Mr. John White

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Subject: Preliminary notification of defect on Gold Motor Homes equipped with Girard awnings

Mr White:

We are submitting preliminary notification of a potential defect in the installation of the main patio awnings on Alfa Leisure's Gold Motor Homes.

The defect involves incorrect wiring installation of the awning wind sensor circuit, which could result in the awning deploying while the vehicle is in motion. At this time we believe the cause of the problem to be our installation procedures, not the product itself

We are preparing notification letters to customers and dealers, and detailed inspection and service instructions, and confirming the specific units affected. Currently, we are submitting the NHTSA template with information known at this time. I expect to have detail information within one week and will submit it to your office

Please contact me should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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NOTE: PRELIMINARY IDENTIFICATION. FURTHER DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.

**Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹**

On MARCH 10th, 2004, ALFA LEISURE INC. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) ~~(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____)~~ exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: MARCH 16th, 2004

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): _____

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

ALFA LEISURE INC.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

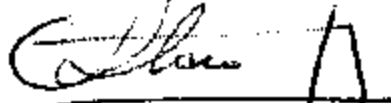
OZZIE FIOR, DIRECTOR OF QUALITY

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

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DIRECTOR OF QUALITY



¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved In the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved In the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): ALFA Model Years Involved: 2004 Model(s): GOLD MOTOR HOME

Production Dates: Beginning: 7/24/03 Ending: 2/29/04

VIN Range: Beginning: S/N ~~71475~~ 71475 Ending: 71422

Vehicle Type: DIESEL Bodystyle: CLASS A MOTOR HOME

Descriptive Information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

2004 GOLD MOTOR HOME EQUIPED WITH GIBBARD AWNING

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive Information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive Information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

CURRENTLY ESTIMATE THAT OF 729 TOTAL MOTOR HOMES PRODUCED FOR THE PERIOD, 43 UNITS WILL CONTAINED THE DEFECT AND WILL REQUIRE FIELD INSPECTION AND SERVICE.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Vehicles Model	Year	Number of Potentially Involved
2004 GOLD MOTOR HOME	2004	FORTY THREE

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 43

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100% OF FORTY THREE SPECIFIC SERIAL NUMBERS.

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--In particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

DATA TO FOLLOW

CURRENTLY KNOWN: THE ERROR AWNING IN QUESTION WAS FIRST SUPPLIED ON VEHICLE SN 71475 AND THEREAFTER ONLY ON GOLD MOTOR HOMES.

ONE INSTANCE OF THE AWNING WAS SUPPLIED ON A SEE /D MOTOR HOME WHICH WAS TESTED BY ALFA PERSONNEL AND DID NOT CONTAIN THE DEFECT.

FURTHER INFO WILL BE SUBMITTED AS IT IS KNOWN

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

THE DEFECT CONCERNS THE MAIN EXTERIOR AUTO AWNING
 INCORRECT WIRING OF THE WIND SENSOR CIRCUIT AT THE ALFA PRODUCTION
 PLANT MAY CAUSE THE AWNING TO DEPLOY WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION
 FURTHER INFORMATION WILL FOLLOW

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

INCORRECT WIRING.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

THE AWNING MAY DEPLOY WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

DEFECT IS DUE TO INSTALLATION PROCEDURE, NOT THE PRODUCT ITSELF

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

3/4/04: RECEIVED DEALER NOTIFICATION OF AN INSTANCE WHERE THE
SOUNDING DEPLOYED INCORRECTLY.

3/10/04: DETERMINED THE DEFECT WOULD REQUIRE FIELD INSPECTION OF
SHIPPED UNITS.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

INFO TO FOLLOW IN DETAIL.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

INFO TO FOLLOW

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

PROPER WRITING INSTRUCTIONS AND AGREEMENT ISSUED. 7000 UNITS INSPECTED.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

NOTIFICATION WILL BE ACHIEVED BY 3/29/04

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

NOTIFICATION TO DEALERS AND CUSTOMERS ARE BEING PREPARED, WITH DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS AND WILL BE SUBMITTED TO NHTSA.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance