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IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION #40903

September, 2004

**TO: ALL FLEETWOOD DEALER PRINCIPALS,
SERVICE MANAGERS,
AND PARTS MANAGERS**

**SUBJECT: RECALL CAMPAIGN #40903
Boulder Diesel Rear Tail Light Wiring**

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing center located in Paxinos, Pennsylvania is requesting your assistance in conducting a voluntary recall notification campaign in accordance with the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 Boulder Diesel motor homes. These motor homes were manufactured at our Paxinos, Pennsylvania manufacturing plant from June 2, 2004 through June 11, 2004.

We are notifying the owners of the affected units in order to correct the problem. A copy of the letter sent to owners is enclosed for your information.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The subject motor homes do not have brake lights that illuminate considerably brighter than the running or turn signal lamps if all are on at the same time. This condition may result in a crash if you are being followed and the operator behind you is unaware that you have applied your brakes.

To correct this safety defect, it is necessary to inspect and modify the tail light assembly wire harness rear light socket as described in the enclosed Recall Service Bulletin #40903.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please check your motor home inventory and perform the repair procedure on affected units as outlined on the attached service bulletin #40903. It is imperative that this procedure be completed prior to the sale of the affected units so your customers will not be inconvenienced.

Owners of the above mentioned motor homes have been asked to contact their Fleetwood dealer to have the described defective condition remedied. In the event that a customer contacts you, please verify

eligibility by referring to the serial number range listed in the enclosed Recall Service Bulletin #40903 prior to beginning the inspection and repairs.

Should a customer have you perform this service, please complete the Fleetwood Repair Order (form X-SR-042). Once the inspection and repairs are completed, have the customer sign the Fleetwood Repair Order and return it to your National Warranty Processing Center in Decatur, Indiana for payment. You will be reimbursed in accordance with Service Bulletin # 40903. Customers will not be charged for these repairs.

If you are contacted by the owner of a motor home with questions concerning this topic, please ask them to contact:

FLEETWOOD OWNER RELATIONS – RECALL #40903
800-509-3418

If you have one of these vehicles in your inventory, you will be mailed a Safety Recall Notice for that specific motor home. Fleetwood is asking our dealers to make repairs to stock units on dealer lots prior to sale or lease.

Federal Law (Section 154 of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1986) requires that:

If you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply from Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defects on vehicles remaining in your inventory, according to the notification, before selling or leasing the vehicles. Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of the notice to the lessee within ten days.

Please review this entire package with your parts and service staff to familiarize them with the step-by-step procedure and implement the Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign.

Thank you for helping Fleetwood with its continuing efforts to maintain customer satisfaction. If you have any questions, please contact your regional Fleetwood Service Center.

Sincerely,

FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC.



Tina Inkrote
Service Coordinator
Recreation Vehicle Division

Enclosures: Recall #40903 Customer Letter
 Recall #40903 Service Bulletin

Recall Bulletin #40903



The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform all Fleetwood dealers about a wiring correction for the Bounder Diesel Tail-Stop-Turn light sockets.

CONDITION:

The contacts in the rear light sockets illuminate the brake light bulb filament when the taillights are turned on and the taillight light bulb filament when the brakes are activated. Under this condition, the illumination of the brake lights will not be considerably brighter if the taillights are already turned on.

CORRECTION:

1. Park the motor home on a flat surface. Put the transmission into Neutral. Set the parking brake.
2. Test the operation of the taillights.
 - Turn on the headlights. The taillights should glow equally in intensity.
 - Step on the brake pedal and the taillights should glow considerably brighter.

If the taillights operate correctly, no repairs are necessary.

If the taillights fail this test, proceed with this Bulletin.
3. Turn off the ignition and remove the key.
4. Check that the taillights, turn signals, and brake lights are all turned off.
5. Remove one of the taillight assemblies from the rear cap by removing the four Phillips screws installed through the taillight lens. Save the screws for reassembly.
6. Pull the taillight assembly away from the rear cap to gain access to the bulb socket. **Caution: Use care to prevent damage to the foam gasket between the taillight assembly and the rear cap surface.**
7. Remove the Tail-Stop-Turn light bulb socket from the taillight assembly.
8. Remove the bulb from the socket. **Note: Bulb will be reused.**

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"It is impossible to know, evaluate and advise the service trade of all conceivable ways in which service might be done or of the possible hazardous consequences of each way. Accordingly, anyone who uses a service procedure or tool must first assure that neither personal safety nor vehicle safety will be jeopardized by the selected service methods."

This bulletin is supplied for technical information only and is not an authorization for repairs.

9. Disassemble the two halves of the bulb socket by opening the clips on each side. See Figure 1.
10. Carefully lift the bulb contact terminal attached to the brown wire and free it from the back of the bulb socket. Use a finely pointed instrument like a 12 Volt test light probe or dental pick to perform this operation.

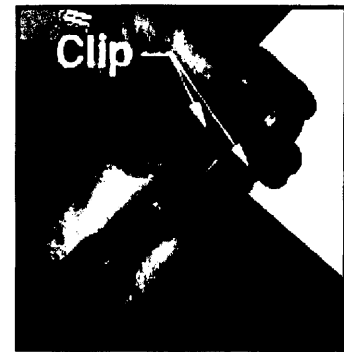


Figure 1

11. Use the same procedure to remove the bulb contact terminal attached to the white wire. See Figure 2.
12. Switch the position of the two bulb contact terminals and reinstall into the back of the bulb socket. The bulb contact terminal connected to the brown wire should now be located in the center of the three socket wires and the bulb contact terminal connected to the white wire should now be located opposite the black wire. See Figures 3 and 4. **Note: The black wire bulb contact terminal will not be moved.**



Figure 2



Figure 3

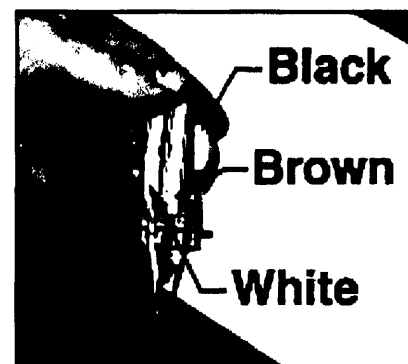


Figure 4

13. Reassemble the two halves of the bulb socket and secure by reconnecting the clips on each side. See Figure 5.
14. Reinstall the bulb into the bulb socket.
15. Follow Steps 5 – 12 for the other taillight assembly.

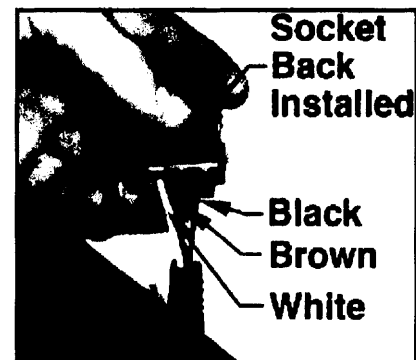


Figure 5

16. Test the taillights.
 - With the headlights turned on, the two taillight bulbs should glow equally in intensity.
 - Step on the brake pedal and the two taillight bulbs should glow considerably brighter. Release the brake pedal.
 - Insert the ignition key and turn the ignition switch to the ON position. **Note: The engine does not need to be started for this portion of the test.** With the headlights still turned on, activate the turn signals and verify brighter bulb illumination for both the left and right sides.
 - Correct as necessary until the motor home passes all of the tests.
17. Reinstall the bulb sockets into the taillight assemblies.
18. Reinstall the two taillight assemblies into the rear cap. Use the same Phillips screws that were removed in Step 5.
19. Perform one additional test identified in Step 15 for final verification of proper operation. Correct as necessary.

PARTS:

None Required

TOOLS:

Power Driver with #2 Phillips Bit
12 Volt Test Light Probe, or Dental Pick

WARRANTY LABOR ALLOWANCE:

Use Flat Rate Code:

Bounder Rear Taillight Wiring Correction (time includes repairs to both sides)

9140 - 11	.2 hr. Inspected/Not Defective
9140 - 12	.5 hr. Inspected/Defective/Repaired
9140 - 13	.2 hr. Inspected/Defective/Owner Decline
9140 - 14	.2 hr. Inspected/Defective/Missing Parts
9140 - 15	.2 hr. Inspected/Defective/Need Tools
9140 - 16	.2 hr. Unable to Notify Customer
9140 - 17	.2 hr. Customer Unreachable

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, contact:

Fleetwood's Dealer Technical Support Group at: **1-800-816-9825**

Affected Serial Numbers for Bounder Diesel Rear Dual Filament Light Socket Wiring Correction:

735M57165660	735N57165674	735N57165695	735N57165712
735M57165661	735N57165675	735N57165696	735N57165713
735M57165662	735U57165684	735N57165697	735N57165714
735N57165672	735U57165685	735N57165698	
735N57165673	735U57165686	735N57165711	



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Dear Valued Fleetwood Motor Home Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing center located in Paxinos, Pennsylvania has decided that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 model year Bounder Diesel class A motor homes.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

The subject motor homes do not have brake lights that illuminate considerably brighter than the running or turn signal lamps if all are on at the same time. This condition may result in a crash if you are being followed and the operator behind you is unaware that you have applied your brakes.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Due to safety related reasons and the potential for an accident, please make certain your motor home is immediately inspected and repaired by contacting your selling dealer, and making an appointment to have this inspection and repair performed. If they are not available, another Fleetwood motor home dealer may do this work for you.

WHAT WILL FLEETWOOD DO?

Fleetwood will inspect and modify your wiring harness at no cost to you. The total length of time your motor home will be out of service will depend on the dealer's work schedule.

If you have had this concern corrected previously, you may be eligible for reimbursement of your cost for that repair. For more information regarding this recall #40903, contact Fleetwood Owner Relations at 800-509-3418.

When you deliver your motor home for repairs, your dealer will complete a Fleetwood Repair Order. Upon completion of the repair, please sign the **Fleetwood Repair Order** and fill out the enclosed, self-addressed **Vehicle Information Update Card** and return it to Fleetwood.

If you have changed your address or sold the motor home, please take a moment to provide the name and address of the person or dealership you sold it to on the enclosed **Vehicle Information Update Card** and return it to Fleetwood. That way we can update our records, and if necessary, notify the new owner using the information you provide.

For leased vehicles: Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you are unable to obtain the specified repair promptly and without charge, please contact:

Fleetwood Owner Relations – Recall #40903
P.O. Box 59933
Riverside, California 92517
(800) 509-3418

If you believe that the dealer and Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., have failed or have been unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. is taking these steps in the interest of your safety. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC.



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