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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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RECALL ADMINISTRATOR
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NVS-215
05V-081

Subject: BATTERY CABLE

Dear MR.LEWIS:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

HOLIDAY RAMBLER/ADMIRAL SE/2004-2005
MONACO/MONARCH SE/2004-2005
SAFARI/TREK/2004-2005
SAFARI/SIMBA/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-081

Recall Date: February 24, 2005

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM:BATTERY:CABLES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 81

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CLASS A MOTORHOMES BUILT ON WORKHORSE CHASSIS, THE BATTERY CABLES MAY NOT BE SECURED PROPERLY INSIDE OF THE CHASSIS' FRAME RAIL. THE BATTERY CABLES MAY BE LOCATED TOO NEAR THE ENGINE EXHAUST.

Consequence:

THIS COULD POTENTIALLY MELT THE BATTERY CABLE AND CAUSE A BACK FEED THROUGH THE CHASSIS 12V SYSTEM WHICH COULD RESULT IN INJURY OR LOSS.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE BATTERY CABLE TO SEE IF BATTERY CABLE IS PROPERLY MOUNTED INSIDE OF THE CHASSIS FRAME RAIL. IF NECESSARY, DEALERS WILL MOUNT THE BATTERY CABLE SECURELY IN EXISTING HOLES IN FRAME RAIL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN MARCH 31, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MONACO AT 1-800-685-6545.

Notes:

MONACO RECALL NO. R04064. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. In the fifth paragraph, please remove the sentence "Monaco is unaware of any accidents attributable to this condition," this is considered to be a disclaimer under the regulations.

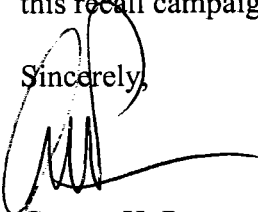
Also, please explain how this defect could result in injury or loss. Will the vehicle catch on fire due to an electrical short?? Or will the melting of the battery cable cause a loss of power to the engine??

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, the recall is expected to begin March 31, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division