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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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GARY DUNCAN  
COACHMEN RV COMPANY, LLC  
423 NORTH MAIN STREET  
MIDDLEBURY IN 46540

NVS-215  
05V-294

Subject: 50 AMP TRANSFER SWITCH/INTELLITEC

Dear MR. DUNCAN:

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:**

COACHMEN/CROSS COUNTRY/2005  
COACHMEN/SPORTSCOACH ELITE/2005  
COACHMEN/SPORTSCOACH ENCORE/2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-294

**Recall Date:** June 14, 2005

**Components:**

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 135

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN REAR DIESEL MOTOR HOMES CONTAINING A 50 AMP TRANSFER SWITCH BUILT BY INTELLITEC, THE MATERIAL USED FOR THE WIRE LUGS WAS CHANGED FROM NICKEL PLATED TO COPPER LUGS. THE COPPER LUGS ARE SOFTER THAN THE NICKEL PLATED AND DO NOT RETAIN THE TORQUE OF THE SCREW THAT CLAMPS THE WIRE CONNECTOR.

**Consequence:**

WHEN THE TORQUE IS RELAXED, THE LUGS CAN BECOME LOOSE RESULTING IN EXCESSIVE HEAT WITH THE CONNECTED WIRE THAT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

COACHMEN WILL BE WORKING WITH INTELLITEC TO NOTIFY OWNERS AND HAVE THE REPAIR PERFORMED ON THEIR VEHICLES. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT INTELLITEC AT 1-800-251-2408 OR COACHMEN AT 1-574-825-1174.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

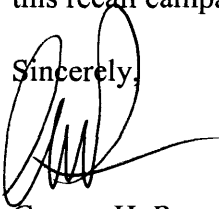
Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

In accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.5, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility," Coachmen is responsible for any safety-related defect or any noncompliance determined to exist in their vehicles or in any item of original equipment. Therefore, Coachmen should notify its dealers and owners and make arrangements to have these vehicles remedied free of charge.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement