



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20590

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ARTHUR KONECNY  
DAMON MOTOR COACH  
52570 PAUL DRIVE  
ELKHART IN 46514

NVS-215  
05V-361

Subject: OVERLOADED FRONT AXLE

Dear MR. KONECNY:

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:**  
DAMON/ASTORIA/2005-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-361

**Recall Date:** August 03, 2005

**Components:**  
SUSPENSION

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 61

**Summary:**  
ON SOME (PACIFIC/WALDORF EDITION) MOTOR HOMES, UNDER CERTAIN LOADING CONDITIONS, THE FRONT GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) COULD BE EXCEEDED.

**Consequence:**  
UNDER CERTAIN LOADING CONDITIONS, THE FRONT AXLE COULD BECOME OVERLOADED INCREASING THE RISK OF CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE BOTH FRONT TIRES WITH A GREATER LOAD CARRYING CAPACITY, WHICH WILL INCREASE THE FRONT GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON AUGUST 29, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT DAMON AT 800-860-6362.

**Notes:**

DAMON RECALL NO. 05-115. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

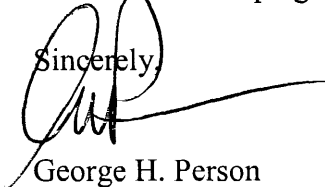
Please provide the date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.

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).

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, owner notification is expected to begin on August 29, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 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](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,



George H. Person  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement