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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

December 21, 2005

MICHAEL ATKINSON
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NVS-215
05V-568

Subject: DRIVELINE STRAPS

Dear MR. ATKINSON:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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:
MONACO COACH/SIGNATURE/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-568

Mfg's Report Date: December 5, 2005

Components: POWER TRAIN:DRIVELINE:UNIVERSAL JOINT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 31

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CLASS A MOTORHOMES BUILT WITH CUMMINS ISX 600 HP ENGINE, THE STRAPS THAT HOLD THE U-JOINTS ONTO THE REAR END AND THE TRANSMISSION CAN LOOSEN. THE LOCK WASHER ON THE STRAPS CAN SPREAD OUT AND ALLOW THE MOUNTING BOLTS TO WORK LOOSE. THIS CAN ALLOW THE DRIVELINE TO SEPARATE FROM THE TRANSMISSION AND FALL OFF THE MOTOR HOME.

Consequence:

LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE MAY OCCUR, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE U-JOINT STRAPS, BOLTS, AND LOCK WASHERS WITH NEW STRAPS AND BOLTS WITH LOCKTITE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2005. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MONACO AT 800-685-6545.

Notes:

MONACO RECALL NO. R05020. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

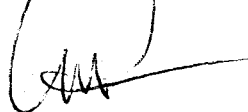
We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. However, please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or *call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.*"

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 during December 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2006.

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
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement