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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report⁽¹⁾

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On April 12, 2005, Foretravel, Inc. [MFR] was notified by Vehicle Systems that a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 571:S104 exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: April 20, 2005

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable):

N/A

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Foretravel, Inc.
1221 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, TX 75964

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty and Customer Assistance
Foretravel, Inc.

Telephone Number: (936) 564-8367 Fax No.: (936) 564-0391

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty and Customer Assistance
Foretravel, Inc.

Signed: Mark Harvey

Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Foretravel **Model Years Involved:** 2003,2004,2005,2006 **Model(s):**
U270/U295/U295T/U320T/G295

Production Dates: Beginning: 03/14/2003 **Ending:** 03/15/2005

VIN Range: Beginning: 1F98D54013N054612 **Ending:** 1F98D54401N054758

Vehicle Type: Class "A" Motorhome **Bodystyle:** Unicoach/GrandVilla

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

The Aqua Hot and Hydro Hot systems are the main furnace for heating the interior of the motorhome along with supplying domestic hot water. Both the Aqua Hot and Hydro Hot are supplied to Foretravel Inc. by an identifiable Vendor-Supplier. Further information will be supplied to NHTSA if required. See also equipment manufacturer's recall # 05E-015.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period?

100% of the of the 108 manufactured vehicles will contain the actual potential defect.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model: U270/U295/U295T/U320/U320T/G295

Year: 2003,2004,2005,2006

Number of Potentially Affected Vehicles: 108

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:

100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Foretravel Inc. received a recall notice #05E-015 from Vehicle Systems on April 12, 2005. Vehicle Systems provided serial #'s for affected components and a search was made of unit files to determine which motorhomes had furnaces with corresponding serial #'s.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

See Vendor Supplier Recall # 05E-015.

The main Aqua Hot or Hydro Hot units are located in a storage compartment and locations in the compartment are determined by particular floor plans of the individual model motorhome. The Aqua Hot or Hydro Hot contain a Diesel Burner which is equipped with a Combustion chamber (Burner Tube). This tube may be made out of material that is not within specification and in those cases could fail prematurely. If such failure occurs.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Combustion chamber material not within manufacturing specifications.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The surface temperature of the exhaust tube exiting from the heater can increase and could potentially ignite combustible materials in or around the vehicle.

Identify any warning, which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

Vehicle occupants may notice an increase in noise relating to such an occurrence and may observe heat related discoloration of components of the heater's exhaust system.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Vehicle Systems Incorporated
15549 East Highway 52
Fort Lupton, CO 80621

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Dean Jackson (Manager of Technical Support, Product Service, and Warranty Administration)

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

There have been no reports of accidents, injuries, fires, crashes, or fatalities with regard to this.

There have been no paid warranty claims to date.

04/12/2005-First knowledge of defect when Foretravel received recall packet # 05E-015 from Vehicle Systems (Dean Jackson)

04/13/2005- Called Dean Jackson and left message and he called me back we discussed how the customer and dealers are to be notified. Dean Jackson stated if Foretravel would supply names and address of customers and servicing dealers he would conduct the mailing of all customer and dealer letters. Also Dean is sending initial parts for remedy of coaches in production and customers at Nacogdoches, TX. Service facility.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Determined as above.

IV. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

See Equipment Manufacturer's Recall # 05E-015

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Same as above.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

The production remedy is identical to recall remedy.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

- 1) Immediately Foretravel Inc. will send Vehicle Systems complete updated Customer address list as well as current Dealer list and mailing labels for customer/dealer notification by Vehicle Systems of recall.
- 2) Dealers/retailers linked with Foretravel Inc. directly or indirectly will be notified by fax of potentially affected recall vehicles in their stock inventory.
- 3) Needed parts or instructions will be obtained from the Vendor/Supplier.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

1. ¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition, which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: *This information is requested*

pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.