

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report^{1[1]}

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(6 pages)

On April 7, 2005, Forest River, Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) 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: May 18, 2005 _____

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 05E-027 _____

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.

Tsunami Motor Home by Forest River, Inc. P.O. Box 3030 Elkhart, IN 46515

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

Duane Casteel Warranty & Service Manager Tsunami

Telephone Number: 574-522-1583 _____ Fax No.: 574-523-1638 _____

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

William G. Conway Jr.
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Signed:

^{1[1]}Each 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.

I. 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): Tsunami Model Years Involved: 2002-2005 Model(s): All

Production Dates: Beginning: 01/03 Ending: 04/05

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: MPV Bodystyle: Motor Home

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

The Aqua Hot was an option.

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

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

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

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

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.

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Vehicles		Number of
Model	Year	Potentially
<u>Involved</u>		
See attached		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: _____

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

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:

We have the ability to sort on the option code for the Aqua Hot. We compare the date of manufacturing with the date supplied by the Supplier of the Aqua Hot. We still have some of the units in our stock that are being repaired.

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.

We were notified by Vehicle Systems Inc. 15549 E. Highway 52 Fort Lupton, CO 80621 that according to recall 05E-015 provided to the supplier by Webasto Products of North America. The walls of certain burner tubes are deteriorating at an accelerated rate and can fail.

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

According to 05E-015 the steel purchased for he tube was out of compliance.

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

The failure of the burner tube could result in an increase in temperature of the exhaust gas and a corresponding increase in the temperature of the exhaust system for the burner that could ignite combustible material.

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

Occupant may notice an increase in he noise when the burners are operating. There may be heat discoloration on the exhaust components.

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 Inc. 15549 E. Hwy 52 Fort Lupton, CO 80621

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

Dean Jackson Warranty Manager

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.

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.

See recall 05E-015

V. 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.

Please see letters and instruction on recall 05E-027

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

Please see recall 05E-027

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.

Please see recall 05E-027

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.

Please see recall 05E-027

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.