



COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC

June 28, 2005

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Analysis Division
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Notification - REVISED: Intellitec Transfer Switches installed in Coachmen Recreational Vehicle motorhomes

Dear Mr. Person:

Confirming our telephone conversation today, the following presents our **revised** Part 573 notification relating to the referenced issue, indicating that Coachmen, rather than Intellitec, will conduct the mailing campaign and repairs as well as file the required follow up reports with NHTSA on Coachmen vehicles affected by this recall.

Part 573 REVISED:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this correspondence is to serve as our notification to NHTSA of a potential safety defect that exists in rear diesel motorhomes manufactured by Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC (Coachmen) that contain a 50 amp transfer switch manufactured by Intellitec.

Coachmen purchases 50 amp transfer switches from Intellitec (their part number 803100) and installs them in our rear diesel line of motorhomes. Coachmen has learned that between April 4, 2005 and May 29, 2005 Intellitec substituted the material used for the wire lugs in their transfer switches, changing 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. When the torque is relaxed, the lugs can become loose resulting in excessive heat within the connected wire that could result in a fire.

Coachmen installed these transfer switches in our Sportscoach Elite, Sportscoach Encore and Cross Country motorhomes manufactured between April 12, 2005 and June 6, 2005. A total of (135) Coachmen vehicles are potentially affected by this issue.

All purchasers and dealerships that receive these units with the potential defect will be advised by mail regarding this problem. A copy of our proposed dealer and owner notification letter is attached for review and approval. We will start the mailing campaign and begin providing the recall remedy within 5 days of your approval of this letter.

Should you have any additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (574) 825-8528.

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Duncan", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Gary L. Duncan
Vice President, Engineering Services



COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC

June 28, 2005

TO: All Coachmen RV Company Dealers

RE: Safety Recall XXXXXX

Dear Coachmen Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Coachmen RV Company and Intellitec have determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2006 Sportscoach Elite, Sportscoach Encore and Cross Country motorhomes manufactured between April 12, 2005 and June 6, 2005.

Coachmen purchases 50 amp transfer switches from Intellitec and installs them in our rear diesel line of motorhomes. Coachmen has learned that between April 4, 2005 and May 29, 2005 Intellitec substituted the material used for the wire lugs in their transfer switches, changing 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. When the torque is relaxed, the lugs can become loose resulting in excessive heat within the connected wire that could result in a fire.

Owners of suspect units will be notified in a letter instructing them to contact their Coachmen dealer to schedule an appointment to have their unit repaired. A copy of this letter is attached for your reference.

Please find attached repair instructions and information relating to the preparation and submission of claims for reimbursement.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your Regional Service Manager at 1-888-516-3569.

Sincerely,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY

Attachments



COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC

June 28, 2006

Dear Coachmen Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Coachmen RV Company and Intellitech have determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2006 Sportscoach Elite, Sportscoach Encore and Cross Country motorhomes manufactured between April 12, 2005 and June 6, 2005.

SAFETY DEFECT

Coachmen purchases 50 amp transfer switches from Intellitech and installs them in our rear diesel line of motorhomes. Coachmen has learned that between April 4, 2005 and May 29, 2005 Intellitech substituted the material used for the wire lugs in their transfer switches, changing 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. When the torque is relaxed, the lugs can become loose resulting in excessive heat within the connected wire that could result in a fire.

REPAIRS

PLEASE TAKE YOUR UNIT PROMPTLY TO YOUR COACHMEN DEALER. At no charge to you, the Coachmen dealer will perform the necessary repairs. The procedure should not take more than one (1) hour.

REFUNDS

If you have paid to have this service performed prior to receiving this notice you can receive a full refund. Please mail your paid original invoice or receipt to Coachmen RV Service, P.O. Box 1000, Middlebury, Indiana 46540.

CHANGED ADDRESS OR SOLD THE VEHICLE?

Please fill out the enclosed pre-paid postcard and mail it to us if you have changed your address or sold the vehicle.

Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If your dealer does not make the required repair promptly and without charge, you may contact Coachmen Customer Service at 1-800-453-6064. You also may contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We regret the inconvenience this situation may have caused you. However, Coachmen RV Company believes in the early detection and immediate correction of potential concerns. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC