



**COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC**

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

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

Dear Mr. Person:

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.

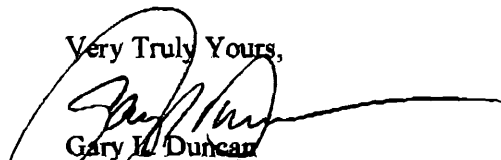
Coachmen purchases 50 amp transfer switches from Intellitec (their part number 803100) and installs them in our rear diesel line of motorhomes. Coachmen has learned that between April 4, 2005 and May 29, 2005 Intellitec substituted the material used for the wire lugs in their transfer switches, changing 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.

We have met with representatives from Intellitec and they have informed us that they will be filing a Part 573 with NHTSA shortly and will take responsibility for conducting the owners notification and remedy campaign. We will provide Intellitec with the retail owner information on these affected vehicles so they may be included in their notification and remedy efforts.

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

Very Truly Yours,



Gary H. Duncan  
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