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CERTIFIED MAIL
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Monaco Coach Corporation ("Monaco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a safety recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.5(c)(2)

Affected motorhomes manufactured by Monaco Coach Corporation are yet to be determined.

The recall population will consist of motorhomes built on chassis manufactured by Spartan Chassis, Inc. and equipped with a Detroit Diesel Series 40 model engine. The exact recall population has not yet been identified, but it will be determined from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing plants that produced the affected motorhomes.

573.5(c)(3)

Monaco is currently searching its records to compile for Spartan Chassis, Inc. an accurate list of Monaco units that had the recalled Detroit Diesel Series 40 model engines installed as original equipment. The Company will provide current owner information to Spartan Chassis, Inc. for these affected units.

573.5(c)(4)

Spartan Chassis, Inc. has determined that all of the motorhomes in the recall population, yet to be determined, need to have the repair made.

573.5(c)(5)

Monaco has been informed by Spartan Chassis, Inc. of a safety defect (EQ05-016) pertaining to the recall engines. Spartan Chassis, Inc. and Detroit Diesel have filed with NHTSA a Part 573 notification concerning this matter.

Per Detroit Diesels 573.5 document; "The turbocharger on these engines may fail prematurely. The failure would consist of breakage of the turbo charger compressor wheel and back plate. The fatigue life of the material in the turbocharger compressor wheel was reduced as a result of its configuration and duty cycle. This can lead to breakage of the wheel and back plate. Turbocharger compressor

wheel failure and back plate failure can result in lubricating oil passing into the engine compartment and impinging on hot surfaces. This can result in a fire. The failure can occur without warning. When such a condition occurs, visible exhaust smoke can be seen out the engine compartment vents. This may be difficult for the driver to view in a rear engine installation.”

573.5(c)(6)

Monaco was made aware of this recall by Spartan Chassis Inc. on Tuesday August 9, 2005 referencing Detroit Diesel’s recall number EQ05-016. Monaco is currently not aware of any casualties or losses related to this issue

573.5(c)(8)

Per Spartan Chassis Inc. 573.5 document “This engine model is no longer used in any application at Spartan Chassis. Per Detroit Diesels 573.5 document "The turbochargers installed will have bore less compressor wheels and reinforced back plate and attachment." Spartan Chassis Inc. will be conducting the recall campaign on behalf of the Company and reporting quarterly reports to NHTSA.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Walter Lewis".

Walter Lewis
Recall Administrator
Monaco Coach Corporation