

October 20, 2005

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

05V-418  
(10 pages)

RE: Recall 05V418000 – Tredit Tire and Wheel Recall; Part 573 Amendment

Dear Associate Administrator:

Monaco Coach Corporation previously submitted a defect information report dated September 16, 2005, to NHTSA pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573; Monaco Coach Corporation (“Monaco” or the “Company”) is now submitting this *amended* report to NHTSA. Specific information is as follows:

573.5(c)(2)

The corrected affected Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels are:

**Holiday Rambler:** 2005-2006 Next Level Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Next Level Fifth Wheels, 2005 Alumascape Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Alumascape Fifth Wheels, 2005 Presidential Travel Trailers, and 2006 Savoy LX Travel Trailers.

**McKenzie:** 2005 Lakota Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Lakota Fifth Wheels, and 2006 Starwood LX Fifth Wheels.

**Monaco:** 2005-2006 Dune Chaser Fifth Wheels and 2006 Dune Chaser Travel Trailers

The affected Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels above were manufactured between February 24, 2005 and July 11, 2005.

Also included in the recall population are Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels that have the affected wheels as replacement parts as follows:

**Holiday Rambler:** 2002 Alumascape Travel Trailer, 2003-2004 Alumascape Fifth Wheels, 2002-2004 Presidential Fifth Wheels, 2003 Presidential Travel Trailer, 2005 Alumascape Fifth Wheel, and a 2005 Presidential Fifth Wheel

**McKenzie:** 2002-2003 Medallion Fifth Wheels and a 2005 Lakota Fifth Wheel

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the Company in Elkhart, Indiana, consisting of 2005 and 2006 Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels with 16” chromium plated welded wheels manufactured and supplied by J.C. Auto Corporation (“JCA”) with the wheel insignia of “JCA-China” and supplied to the Company by Tredit Tire and Wheel Company, Inc. during date range given to us by Tredit Tire and Wheel in the form of parts purchase orders from Elkhart, Indiana.

573.5(c)(3)

A total of *Three Hundred and six (306)* Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels are in the recall population for the United States. Specific Serial Number and VIN break points are as follows:

Copies of the drafts of the owner and dealer notification letters and the repair instructions are enclosed for your pre-approval. The Company will be supplying Tredit Tire and Wheel with owner and dealer letters and owner and dealer mailing lists, and Tredit Tire and Wheel will perform distribution as soon as NHTSA approves letters. Tredit Tire and Wheel will be conducting the recall and the Company will be doing the reporting of this recall.

Sincerely,

*Michael Atkinson*

Michael Atkinson  
Recall Administrator  
Monaco Coach Corporation

**Manufactured with affected wheels as the original equipment:**

**Holiday Rambler**

**2005-2006 Next Level Travel Trailers** with the starting Serial Number 050310273370007-154076 ending with 060310272870007-157621. The VIN range for these units is 1KB192N3X5E154076 through 1KB192J246E157621.

**2005-2006 Next Level Fifth Wheels** with the starting Serial Number 050312273870007-154061 ending with 060312273830105-157343. The VIN range for these units is 1KB392U355E154061 through 1KB392U366E157343.

**2005 Alumascape Travel Trailers** with the starting Serial Number 050310303170107-154264 ending with 050310302840107-155833. The VIN range for these units is 1KB131L235E154264 through 1KB131J265E155833.

**2005-2006 Alumascape Fifth Wheels** with the starting Serial Number 050312303140307-154062 ending with 060312303140267-156920. The VIN range for these units is 1KB331M235E154062 through 1KB331M296E156920.

**2005 Presidential Travel Trailers** with the starting Serial Number 050310333230205-154060 ending with 050310333440207-155703. The VIN range for these units is 1KB111M235E154060 through 1KB111P285E155703.

**2006 Savoy LX Travel Trailers** with the starting Serial Number 060310453170107-155882 ending with 060310453280106-156467. The VIN range for these units is 1KB1B1L266E155882 through 1KB1B1M216E156467.

**McKenzie**

**2005 Lakota Travel Trailers** with the starting Serial Number 050310413440207-154071 ending with 050310413230205-155366. The VIN range for these units is 4K0131P215E154071 through 4K0131M285E155366.

**2005-2006 Lakota Fifth Wheels** with the starting Serial Number 050312413570496-154064 ending with 060312413140267-156785. The VIN range for these units is 4K0331R275E154064 through 4K0331M286E156785.

**2006 Starwood LX Fifth Wheels** with the starting Serial Number 060312462870206-156361 ending with 060312462870206-157214. The VIN range for these units is 4K03B1K236E156361 through 4K03B1K266E157214.

**Monaco**

**2005-2006 Dune Chaser Fifth Wheels** with the starting Serial Number 050312283870007-154302 ending with 060312283770007-157164. The VIN range for these units is 4K0392U325E154302 through 4K0392R366E157164.

**2006 Dune Chaser Travel Trailers** with the starting Serial Number 060310282870007-156796 ending with 060310282870007-157615. The VIN range for these units is 4K0192J226E156796 through 4K0192J2X6E157615.

**Units with affected wheels as replacement parts:**

Prod #	VIN	Prod #	VIN
<b>2002 Presidential Fifth Wheel</b>		<b>2002 Alumascape Travel Trailer</b>	
126486	1KB311N232E126486	132455	1KB131L252E132455
127200	1KB311J202E127200		
127769	1KB311S232E127769	<b>2003 Alumascape Fifth Wheel</b>	
<b>2003 Presidential Fifth Wheel</b>		133684	1KB331K293E133684
134247	1KB311S263E134247	134053	1KB331L233E134053
135283	1KB311L263E135283	134869	1KB331P233E134869
135322	1KB311R223E135322	136671	1KB331R273E136671
135712	1KB311R243E135712	<b>2004 Alumascape Fifth Wheel</b>	
135784	1KB311R273E135784	146356	1KB331M244E146356
136086	1KB311R2X3E136086		1KB331M274E146710
137426	1KB311R223E137426	<b>2005 Alumascape Fifth Wheel</b>	
137658	1KB311S293E137658	151598	1KB331R265E151598
137882	1KB311R263E137882	<b>2003 Presidential Travel Trailer</b>	
138189	1KB311S253E138189	139534	1KB111M263E139534
138763	1KB311S203E138763	<b>2002 Medallion Fifth Wheel</b>	
<b>2004 Presidential Fifth Wheel</b>		133178	4K0311M242E133178
142853	1KB311S284E142853	<b>2003 Medallion Fifth Wheel</b>	
143330	1KB311L254E143330	135321	4K0311L203E135321
<b>2005 Presidential Fifth Wheel</b>			
151024	1KB311S215E151024		
<b>2005 Lakota Fifth Wheel</b>			
152271	4K0331K2X5E152271		

573.5(c)(4)

Monaco Coach Corporation estimates that 80% will actually contain the defect with approximately 20% that had their wheels replaced prior to shipping to dealers. All of the Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels in this recall population must be inspected. If the inspection determines the existence of the defect, then the recall repair will be performed.

573.5(c)(5)

The defect relates to bad welds on the centers of the affected wheels. The center of the wheel has the potential to come loose from the rim and cause the tire to deflate and cause the Travel Trailer/Fifth Wheel to become unstable in transit.

573.5(c)(6)

Monaco Coach Corporation was made aware of this defect by Tredit Tire and Wheel in September 2005 when the Company was advised that Tredit Tire and Wheel had initiated a voluntary recall campaign. Monaco Coach Corporation is currently not aware of any casualties or losses related to this issue.

573.5(c)(7)

Tredit Tire and Wheel has conducted a metallurgy test on the wheel assemblies and Tredit Tire and Wheel has supplied this information to NHTSA previously.

573.5(c)(8)

The remedy will involve the replacement of affected wheels with aluminum wheels in the field. There was a running line change to make the chrome wheels obsolete on future units.



October 24, 2005

**DRAFT**

**VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT SERVICE BULLETIN**

**Recall Campaign No. 05V418000**

**Monaco File # R05009**

**Re: Safety Recall - Cracking and Leaking Wheels**

Dear Owner:

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

Monaco Coach Corporation has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels manufactured from February 24, 2005 through July 11, 2005. There are also additional units which may have received the defective wheels through parts or service appointments for replacement of chrome wheels from the approximate date range of March 1<sup>st</sup> through July 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

The affected units are:

**Holiday Rambler:** 2005-2006 Next Level Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Next Level Fifth Wheels, 2005 Alumascape Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Alumascape Fifth Wheels, 2005 Presidential Travel Trailers, and 2006 Savoy LX Travel Trailers.

**McKenzie:** 2005 Lakota Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Lakota Fifth Wheels, and 2006 Starwood LX Fifth Wheels.

**Monaco:** 2005-2006 Dune Chaser Fifth Wheels and 2006 Dune Chaser Travel Trailers

According to our information, your unit identified on the enclosed form is affected. *Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.*

Monaco Coach Corporation became aware of a defect from Tredit Tire and Wheel, the supplier of the affected wheels. The defect relates to poor weld quality and insufficient press fit between the rim and the disc. The center of the wheel has the potential to separate from the rim and cause the wheel to wobble and cause a momentary vibration, or the mounted tire on the wheel could lose air causing the tire to go flat. This could result in the vehicle becoming unstable in transit.

The remedy will involve inspection of the wheels on your vehicle and verifying they have the JCA China marking. All JCA China marked wheels will be replaced with aluminum wheels, a new center cap, and a new sticker. The recall repair will be performed at no cost to you. If you had this repair completed at your expense prior to receiving this letter, you may be eligible for reimbursement by Monaco Coach Corporation or Tredit Tire and Wheel for your remedy costs.

Please contact Tredit Tire and Wheel at 866-443-9907 to arrange for a service appointment and instructions for making this correction. The repair procedures have been sent to your dealer and parts are readily available.

The labor time necessary to perform this recall campaign is approximately 1.0 hours. Please ask your dealer if you wish to know how much additional time may be needed to schedule and process your vehicle.

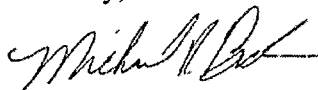
The enclosed Recall Notification Form identifies your vehicle and will serve as an authorization and claim form to have the correction made. Presentation of this form to your dealer will assist in making the necessary correction in the shortest possible time. If you have sold or traded your vehicle, or for any reason cannot have this recall service performed, please let us know by completing the postage paid reply card and returning it to us promptly.

Tredit Tire and Wheel is best equipped to provide service to ensure your vehicle is corrected as promptly as possible. If, however, you take your unit to your dealer on the agreed service date and the dealer does not remedy this condition on that date or within three (3) days, please call our toll free number of 800-685-6545.

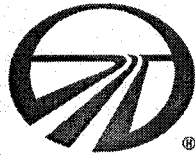
If, after contacting your dealer, and the recall assistance service line, you believe Tredit Tire and Wheel or Monaco Coach Corporation has failed or has been unable to remedy the noncompliance without charge or there has been an unreasonable delay in securing the remedy, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at (888) 327-4236.

We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause you. However, we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with your Monaco Coach Corporation vehicle.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Becker  
Customer Service Manager  
Monaco Coach Corporation



**MONACO**  
COACH CORPORATION

October 24, 2005

**Draft**

**VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT SERVICE BULLETIN**

**Recall Campaign 05V418000 US Units**

**05-XXX Canadian Units**

**Monaco File # R05009**

**Re: Safety Recall - Cracking or Leaking Wheels**

Dear Monaco Coach Corporation Dealer:

Monaco Coach Corporation has initiated through Tredit Tire and Wheel a voluntary safety recall campaign relating to specific model year Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels. Affected units are: Holiday Rambler 2005-2006 Next Level Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Next Level Fifth Wheels, 2005 Alumascape Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Alumascape Fifth Wheels, 2005 Presidential Travel Trailers, and 2006 Savoy LX Travel Trailers; McKenzie 2005 Lakota Travel Trailers, 2005-2006 Lakota Fifth Wheels, and 2006 Starwood LX Fifth Wheels; and Monaco 2005-2006 Dune Chaser Fifth Wheels and 2006 Dune Chaser Travel Trailers. These units were manufactured from February 24, 2005 through July 11, 2005.

Additional affected units are those that had the JCA China Wheels installed as a replacement wheel through service from February 2005 to July 2005.

A copy of the notification letter that is being sent to owners is enclosed.

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act provides that each vehicle that is subject to a recall campaign of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the owner has tendered it for repair. Generally, failure to repair within sixty (60) days after the owner's first delivery for repair is assumed to be an unreasonable delay.

**THE ISSUE**

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## AFFECTED UNITS

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### **THE REPAIR**

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### **DEALER CAMPAIGN RESPONSIBILITY**

If our records indicate that you have any of the affected vehicles in your inventory, you will also receive an owner notification letter identifying those units. *Federal law requires that any vehicle lesser receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.*

All unsold new/used vehicles in dealer's possession and subject to this campaign must be held and inspected/repaired per the service procedure of this campaign bulletin before owners take possession of these vehicles. Dealers are to service all vehicles subject to this campaign at no charge to owners, regardless of mileage, age of vehicle, or ownership, from this time forward.

Owners of vehicles recently sold from your new/used vehicle inventory for which the dealer receives the owner recall notification are to be contacted by the dealer, and arrangements made to make the required correction according to the instructions enclosed with this bulletin. This could be done by mailing to such owners a copy of the applicable owner letter accompanying this bulletin. Please also notify Monaco Coach Corporation of any such owner you have received notification for.

In summary, whenever a vehicle subject to this campaign enters your vehicle inventory, or is in your dealership for service in the future, please take the steps necessary to be sure the campaign correction has been made before selling or releasing the vehicle.

In addition to a letter, owners will receive a recall notification/dealer claim form. The vehicle owner will present this form to you upon arrival for the service appointment. Please review the instructions on the face of the notification form and fill in the claim portion when the repair is completed. The new wheels will all come with a call tag. Please return old wheels with the call tags supplied. Please return all completed claim forms to Darsha at Tredit Tire and Wheel for payment at 57941 Charlotte Avenue, Elkhart, IN 46517. Once the old wheels are received by Tredit Tire and Wheel (Kansas), they will let Tredit Tire and Wheel's Elkhart office know to proceed with payment of claims. Please contact Monaco recall assistance hotline at 800-685-6545 if there are any issues you cannot resolve through Tredit Tire and Wheel.

Sincerely,



Michael R. Becker  
Customer Service Manager  
Monaco Coach Corporation