



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*September 8, 2006*

HANK MULLER  
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MARATHON COACH, INC.  
91333 COBURG INDUSTRIAL WAY  
COBURG OR 97408

NVS-215  
06V-332

Subject: BURNER TUBES/WEBASTO

Dear MR. MULLER:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

MARATHON/H3-45/2004-2006  
MARATHON/XLVII/2004-2007

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-332

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 29, 2006

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 155

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTOR COACHES BUILT ON PREVOST CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH WEBASTO HEATERS, THE BURNER TUBES ARE MADE OF MATERIAL THAT DOES NOT MEET SPECIFICATIONS AND COULD FAIL PREMATURELY.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE BURNER TUBE FAIL, THE COOLANT HEATER COULD OVERHEAT, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN A FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE AFFECTED COMBUSTION CHAMBERS.  
OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT MARATHON COACH AT 541-343-9991.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC  
SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236  
(TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

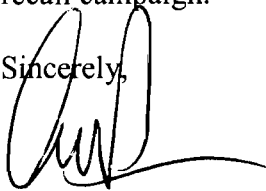
It is our understanding that notification to owners began prior to our review of the owner notification letter. Should it become necessary for Marathon to do a renotification, the follow-up notification must be submitted to this office for review and it must comply with the requirements of Part 577.5, "Notification pursuant to a manufacturer's decision" and Part 577.10, "Follow-up notification."

Also please provide us with the date (month/day/year) Marathon sent the letter to the owners.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement