



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

November 14, 2006

GARY L. DUNCAN
COACHMEN RV COMPANY, LLC
423 NORTH MAIN STREET
MIDDLEBURY IN 46540

NVS-215
06V-430

Subject: REFRIGERATOR/DOMETIC

Dear MR. DUNCAN:

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:
COACHMEN/COACHMEN/1997-2003

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-430

Mfg's Report Date: November 1, 2006

Components: EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: TO BE PROVIDED

Summary:

ON CERTAIN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES BUILT WITH DOMETIC TWO-DOOR REFRIGERATORS, A FATIGUE CRACK MAY DEVELOP IN THE BOILER TUBE IN THE AREA OF THE WELD BETWEEN THE BOILER TUBE AND THE HEATER POCKET. A FATIGUE CRACK MAY RELEASE A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT OF PRESSURIZED COOLANT SOLUTION INTO AN AREA WHERE AN IGNITION SOURCE IS PRESENT.

Consequence:

THE RELEASE OF COOLANT UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS COULD IGNITE AND RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

COACHMEN IS WORKING WITH DOMETIC TO HAVE THESE REFRIGERATORS REPAIRED. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET SUBMITTED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COACHMEN AT 1-574-825-5821 OR DOMETIC AT 1-888-446-5157.

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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

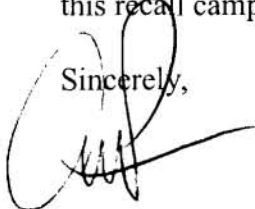
You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Also, 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 or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement