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Washington, DC 20590

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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EARTHROAMER, LLC
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BROOMFIELD CO 80020

NVS-215
06V-433

Subject: FRAME PLATE TO CAMPER MOUNT WELDS CRACK

Dear MR. SWAILS:

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:
EARTHROAMER/XV-LT/2003-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-433

Mfg's Report Date: October 16, 2006

Components: STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS:UNDERBODY SHIELDS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 17

Summary:
ON CERTAIN RECREATIONAL VEHICLES BUILT WITH FRONT CAMPER MOUNT ASSEMBLY REVISIONS B OR C, WELDS ON THE FRONT CAMPER MOUNTS CAN DEVELOP CRACKS.

Consequence:
THIS OVERSTRESS CONDITION COULD LEAD TO A FAILURE OF THE CAMPER MOUNTING SYSTEM, WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

EARTHROAMER WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE FRONT CAMPER MOUNT. THE RECALL BEGAN DURING OCTOBER 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT EARTHROAMER AT BILL@EARTHROAMER.COM OR CALL BILL ON 303-881-4498; MICHELE AT 202-887-8261; OR MATT ON 303-929-1306.

Notes:

EARTHROAMER RECALL NO. ER-SB-0008. 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it needs a few changes.

Under "Reason for this Recall," please use the word 'decided' rather than 'determined.'

Per the regulations, the word 'crash' should be used rather than 'accident' as used under "Description."

The reimbursement rule became effective on January 15, 2003. Accordingly, a paragraph needs to be added concerning reimbursement for prior repairs, i.e., "If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information contact EarthRoamer at".

Please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>."

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 required 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification was expected to begin during October 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before January 30, 2007.

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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia A. Wallace".

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