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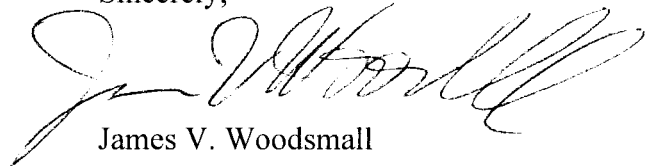
Associate Administrator for
Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Pace American of Texas, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed the Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report for
the above listed entity.

Sincerely,



James V. Woodsmall

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cc: Brian Skinner

SENT BY CERTIFIED MAIL, RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On January 23, ~~199~~²⁰⁰⁶, Pace American of Texas, Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety) (a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 **Defect and Noncompliance Reports**.

Date this report was prepared January 27, 2006

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): N/A

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.


Pace American of Texas, Inc.

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

James V. Woodsmall, Secretary
Warrick & Boyn, LLP, Suite 400, 121 W. Franklin Street, Elkhart, IN 46516

Telephone Number: (574) 294-7491 **Fax No.:** (574) 294-7284

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.
James V. Woodsmall, Secretary

Pace American of Texas, Inc.
Signed: 
James V. Woodsmall, Secretary

¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. Jon White at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): ^{Pace} American Model Years Involved: 2005-2006 Model(s): RE 8520TA2
RE 8520TA2H
Production Dates: Beginning: 4-05-05 Ending: 1-19-06 RE 8524TA3H
VIN Range: Beginning: 47ZWB20215X038762 Ending: 47ZWB20276X044065
Vehicle Type: ^{Sports/} Camper Bodystyle: Cargo Trailer

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Sports/Camper Trailers with furnaces

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

Less than 1%.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
Pace American of Texas, Inc.	2005-2006	Four (4)

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: Four (4)

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: Less than 1%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

Reviewed production records for units equipped with the subject model and type of furnace.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Furnace installed improperly (turned 180°) so that exhaust vent discharged into the occupied space of the trailer and the heated air discharged outside of the trailer.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Improper installation as described above.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Carbon monoxide in the living quarters could cause injury or death.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

May not be any warnings

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

N/A

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

N/A

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

None

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Furnace installation procedures were reviewed with all assembly workers. Pace dealers will correct the installation defect in the two units owned by retail customers. Dealer employees will correct the problem in the two units in the possession of the dealer. The specific correction is to turn the furnace 180° and remount it.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

N/A

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Chronological Summary

1/23/06

1. Pace of Texas notified by dealer that two units were defective.
2. Pace Corp. notified by Pace TX of situation.
3. Pace TX and Pace Corp. determine impacted population.

1/24/06

1. Subject population verified by a review of furnace purchase record for the TX facility.
2. Furnace installation instructions reviewed and found to be adequate.

1/25/06

1. Verified subject population with additional discussion with Pace of TX.
2. Furnace installation instructions sent from Pace of TX to Corp. for review.

1/26/06

1. Pace of TX management verifies that both customer owned units have the furnace installation defect.
2. Sales order records are compiled for all subject units of the recall population.

No accidents, injuries or fatalities have occurred.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Assembly personnel were instructed on the correct procedures to install the furnace following the furnace manufacturer's written instructions.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

The two consumers were notified by telephone on January 23, 2006. A Pace management employee inspected the furnaces on January 25, 2006. The repairs will be completed by local dealers by February 15, 2006.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.

The Privacy Act of 1974 - Public Law 93-579, As Amended: This information is requested pursuant to the authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your response may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administration enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.