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April 10, 2006

Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Part # 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC. – Battery Cable

Dear Mr. Person;

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC has determined that a potential safety defect may exist on certain 2007 MY Sportscoach Elite and Sportscoach Legend model 40QS Class A motorhomes. These vehicles were manufactured at Coachmen RV's Middlebury, Indiana facility from October 10, 2005 through April 4, 2006.

A total of 29 units are potentially affected by this defect.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

On affected units, the battery cables that exit the rear of the battery storage compartment are not adequately secured. Should the cables become unsecured, they may come in direct contact with the engine exhaust system. In the event that the cables come in contact with the exhaust system, the cable protective covering could eventually melt causing a direct short in the 12-volt electrical system, resulting in a fire.

DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT

Coachmen became aware of the existence of a problem with these units on March 30, 2006 when we received a report of a fire that occurred on a unit while being delivered from our facility to a dealer. An investigation was conducted and it was determined that the battery cable had contacted the exhaust, causing the short and resultant fire.

PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT

The length of the battery cable has been shortened such that it can not contact the exhaust. As an additional precaution, we will also add a heat shield directly above the exhaust in this area. For units that have been shipped to dealers or retail sold, the repair instructions will require the use of a tube clamp to secure the excess length of wire to a steel truss member above and out of the way of the exhaust and the addition of the heat shield.

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC will supply the necessary instructions for making the repairs to remedy this defect. The repairs will be done by Coachmen dealers at no expense to the dealers or the retail customers.

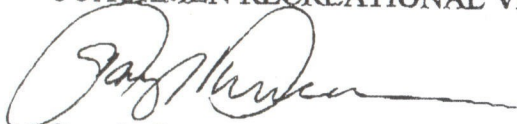
All purchasers and dealerships that receive these units with the potential defect will be advised by mail regarding this problem.

Attached is a copy of our proposed owner notification letter for your review and approval. We can start the mailing campaign and begin providing the recall remedy within 5 days of your approval of this letter.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please advise.

Very Truly Yours,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary L. Duncan", written in a cursive style.

Gary L. Duncan

Cc: Rick Lavers – Coachmen Industries
Michael Terlep, Jr. – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company LLC



COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC

April 10, 2006

Dear Sportscoach Owner:

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

Coachmen RV Company has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2007 Sportscoach Elite & Legend 40 QS motorhomes manufactured between October 10, 2005 and April 4, 2006.

SAFETY DEFECT

On affected units, the battery cables that exit the rear of the battery storage compartment are not adequately secured. Should the cables become unsecured, they may come in direct contact with the engine exhaust system. In the event that the cables come in contact with the exhaust system, the cable protective covering could eventually melt causing a direct short in the 12-volt electrical system, resulting in a fire.

REPAIRS

PLEASE TAKE YOUR UNIT PROMPTLY TO YOUR SPORTSCOACH DEALER. At no charge to you, the dealer will perform the necessary repairs. The required repair procedure should not take more than one (1) hour.

REFUNDS

If you have paid to have this service performed prior to receiving this notice you can receive a full refund. Please mail your paid original invoice or receipt to Coachmen RV Service, P.O. Box 1000, Middlebury, Indiana 46540.

CHANGED ADDRESS OR SOLD THE VEHICLE?

Please fill out the enclosed pre-paid postcard and mail it to us if you have changed your address or sold the vehicle. Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If your dealer does not make the required repair promptly and without charge, you may contact Coachmen Customer Service at 1-800-453-6064. You also may contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

We regret the inconvenience this situation may have caused you. However, Coachmen RV Company believes in the early detection and immediate correction of potential concerns. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC