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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report⁽¹⁾

On May 11, 2005, Marathon Coach Inc. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exits 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: 8/29/06

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.

Marathon Coach Inc.
91333 Coburg Industrial Way
Coburg, OR. 97408-9432

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall. Hank Muller - Director of Quality Assurance + Coding Manager.

Telephone Number: (541) 343-9991 Fax No.: (541) 344-1609

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Hank Muller
Director of Quality Assurance.

Signed: Hank Muller

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:

Coaches 846 - 1009

Make(s): Model Years Involved: Model(s): H345's 2004 - 2006 Prevost

Production Dates: Beginning: Ending: 2/11/03 - 12/19/05

VIN Range: Beginning: 2PCV3349041014773 Ending: 2PCV3349X51010165

Vehicle Type: Bodystyle: Vip

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

Coaches 838 - 1030

Make(s): Model Years Involved: Model(s): XLV II 2004 - 2007 Prevost.

Production Dates: Beginning: Ending: 11/25/02 - 4/17/06

VIN Range: Beginning: 2PCW3349041029175 Ending: 2PCW3349X61028848

Vehicle Type: Bodystyle: La Mirage.

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.

100%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

Number of Vehicles 155

Model Year Potentially Involved

2004 - 2007

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

155

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

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: We have the Serial Numbers for the Wabasto units being recalled and matched them to the coaches they were installed in. HM.

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.

The walls of certain combustion chambers are deteriorating at an accelerated rate and can fail. (see recall 05E-015).

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

out of spec. steel used in production of Burner

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

A fire could occur although we have not had any failures reported.

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

increase in noise
Exhaust smell

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

Vehicle Systems Inc. 15549 E. Hwy 52
Fort Lupton CO. 80621

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

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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.

Please see recall # 05E-015

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.

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.

Change out the combustion chamber (burn tube)

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

The diesel burner is equipped with a Combustion Chamber that may be made out of Material that is not within specification and in those cases could fail prematurely. The remedy combustion Chamber will be within specifications.

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.

In production we change out the combustion Chamber (burn tube) on new unit with serial number that fall within the recall before installing them in our coaches.

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.

A letter was sent out to each coach owner involved in this recall. This recall is about 85% complete - No problems implementing this recall.

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

See attached Sales/Service information advisory
For Recall 05E-015

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.

1. 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.

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 maybe 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.



SALES/SERVICE INFORMATION ADVISORY
SAFETY RECALL NO. 05E-015
Date: 03/07/06

Dear Marathon Coach owner,

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

REASON FOR THIS SAFETY RECALL

Webasto Product North America, Inc., the Diesel-Burner supplier for the Hydro-Hot heating systems installed in your coach, has determined that a safety related defect which relates to motor vehicle safety may exist in certain applications. The Diesel-Burner is equipped with a Combustion Chamber that may be made out of material that is not within specification and in those cases could fail prematurely. If such failure occurs, the surface temperature of the exhaust tube exiting from the heater can increase and could potentially ignite combustible materials in or around the vehicle.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Marathon Coach, Inc. will replace all affected Combustion Chambers with a new one.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

Please contact the Marathon Coach Service Center nearest you as soon as possible for assistance regarding this no-charge Safety Recall Campaign.

- Pat Sprenger-Oregon Service Center: 1(800)365-0156
- Joe Stefanczuk-Florida Service Center: 1(800)437-8295
- Ron Carlson-Texas Service Center: 1(800)448-8881

We are sorry for this inconvenience; however we have taken this action in the interest of your safety and continued satisfaction with our products.

Sincerely,

Hank Muller
Director of Quality Assurance