



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

*September 26, 2007*

DENNIS DAY  
VICE PRESIDENT – COMMERCIAL DIVISION  
DODGEN INDUSTRIES, INC.  
HIGHWAY 169 NORTH  
HUMBOLDT IA 50548

NVS-215dgl  
07V-405

Subject: GAS COOKING APPLIANCE/SUBURBAN

Dear MR. DAY:

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:**

BORN FREE/24 REAR BATH/2007-2008  
BORN FREE/26 REAR BATH/2007-2008  
BORN FREE/26 REAR SIDE BED/2007-2008  
BORN FREE/32 GUARDIAN TOY HAULER/2007-2008  
BORN FREE/32 REAR QUEEN/2007-2008  
BORN FREE/32 REAR TWIN/2007-2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-405

**Mfg's Report Date:** August 10, 2007

**Components:** EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 19

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES EQUIPPED WITH SUBURBAN GLASS TOP, SEALED BURNER RANGE OR SLIDE IN COOK TOP, A THREADED CONNECTOR ON THE TUBE BETWEEN THE BURNER VALVE AND THE BURNER MAY NOT HAVE BEEN FULLY TIGHTENED DURING THE MANUFACTURING PROCESS.

**Consequence:**

IF THE THREADED CONNECTOR IS NOT PROPERLY TIGHTENED, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR THE GAS TO LEAK FROM THE CONNECTION WHEN THE BURNER IS TURNED ON. LP GAS IS HEAVIER THAN AIR AND ANY LEAKED GAS COULD ACCUMULATE IN AN ENCLOSED OR LOW AREA IN YOUR RECREATION VEHICLE. A SUFFICIENT QUANTITY OF ACCUMULATED GAS, IF IGNITED, COULD CAUSE A FIRE OR EXPLOSION.

**Remedy:**

DODGEN IS WORKING WITH SUBURBAN TO HAVE THE BURNER TUBES REPLACED FREE OF CHARGE (PLEASE SEE 07E-050). OWNERS MAY CONTACT SUBURBAN AT 423-775-2131 OR CALL DODGEN AT 800-247-1835.

**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:

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 your report, Suburban will be handling the remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Suburban's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement