



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

December 3, 2007

GARY DUNCAN  
VICE PRESIDENT, ENGINEERING SERVICES  
COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE  
423 NORTH MAIN STREET  
MIDDLEBURY IN 46540

NVS-215paw  
07V-539

Subject: SLIDEOUT IGNITION CONNECTOR

Dear MR. DUNCAN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:**

COACHMEN/FREEDOM EXPRESS 31/2008  
COACHMEN/FREELANDER 3130/2008  
COACHMEN/MAVERICK 313/2008

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 07V-539

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 9, 2007

**Components:** ELECTRICAL: WIRING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 395

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN CLASS C MINI-MOTOR HOMES, THE 12 VOLT SLIDEROOM WIRE CONNECTION TO THE CHASSIS IGNITION SYSTEM MAY BE WIRED INCORRECTLY CAUSING THE BRAKE ON THE SLIDEROOM MOTOR TO DISENGAGE WHEN THE IGNITION IS IN THE 'ON' OR 'RUN' POSITION. THIS COULD CAUSE THE SLIDEROOM TO 'RELAX' AND POSSIBLY MOVE TO THE OUT POSITION WHILE IN TRANSIT IF THE TRAVEL LOCKS PROVIDED WITH THE VEHICLE ARE NOT INSTALLED AS RECOMMENDED.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE SLIDEROOM EXTEND WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION, A CRASH COULD OCCUR.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL PROPERLY WIRE THE SLIDEROOM MOTOR BRAKE ACTIVATION SYSTEM FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COACHMEN AT 1-800-453-6064.

**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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person".

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