



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

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December 21, 2007

MR. MICHAEL ATKINSON
RECALL ADMINISTRATOR
MONACO COACH CORPORATION
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NVS-215paw
07V-582

Subject: EXPOSED TERMINAL TO OIL DIPSTICK

Dear MR. ATKINSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Monaco Coach Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety 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:
HOLIDAY RAMBLER/ARISTA/2007-2008
SAFARI/PASSAGE/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-582

Mfg's Report Date: December 6, 2007

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

Potential Number of Units Affected: 107

Summary:

ON CERTAIN CLASS A MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON FORD CHASSIS, THE FRONT RUN PANEL HAS AN EXPOSED TERMINAL POST ON ITS SIDE WHICH ALLOWS THE OIL DIPSTICK TO POTENTIALLY MAKE CONTACT WHEN CHECKING THE OIL LEVEL. THE LOCATION OF THE EXPOSED TERMINAL POST IS UNDER THE FRONT ENGINE ACCESS HOOD.

Consequence:

WHEN THE OIL LEVEL IS CHECKED, IT MAY BE POSSIBLE FOR THE DIPSTICK TO CONTACT THE EXPOSED WIRE TERMINAL STUD AND IF OTHER END OF THE DIPSTICK IS GROUNDED, THIS COULD RESULT IN AN ELECTRICAL SHOCK OR A SPARK WHICH COULD CREATE A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REMOVE THE WIRE FROM THE TERMINAL AND INSTALL BOOT COVERS, THEN REINSTALL THE WIRE AND SLIP COVER OVER THE CONNECTION. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING LATE DECEMBER 2007 OR EARLY JANUARY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MONACO AT 1-800-685-6545.

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:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at 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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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