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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC. 20590

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Jayco, Inc. ("Jayco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.5(c)(2)

Affected vehicles are Model Year 2005 - 2007 Jayco Seneca motorhomes models "34SS", "35GS", "36SSQC", "33SS", "35TM", and 33DS manufactured between January 19, 2004 and September 14, 2006.

The recall population was determined from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing plant in Middlebury, Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

573.5(c)(3)

A total of **one thousand two hundred seventy one- (1271)** motorhomes are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) are as follows:

2005 - 2007 Seneca motorhomes with a starting VIN of 1GBE5U1235F501519 and ending with 1GBG5U1246F430812.

573.5(c)(4)

Jayco is recalling 100 percent of the affected model Seneca motorhomes identified in the scope.

573.5(c)(5)

Jayco has identified that due to the design of Jayco's rear cap, the distance from the rear cap to the hitch receiver encourages the use of longer ball mounts and/or extensions. The longer the ball mount and/or extensions used, the greater the forces that are applied to the fasteners that attach the hitch to the main chassis rails. This creates the potential for these increased forces to exceed the allowable forces permitted in the fasteners. When this happens the fasteners may stretch, loosen or break causing an unsafe towing condition. If this condition is not addressed, it may result in an accident, injury or death.

573.5(c)(6)

Jayco decided to conduct this recall following an internal investigation. Jayco is not aware of any injuries or accidents related to this issue.

573.5(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected motorhomes is to replace all mounting hardware with that of a higher grade.

Copies of the repair instructions, dealer notification letters, and owner letters will be provided to the agency within 10 business days. Jayco is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification Jayco is prepared to begin dealer notification within 5 business days after approval, and to owner's ten business days subsequent to dealer notification.

Thank you for your assistance,

Sincerely,



David C. VanderMolen
Jayco After Market Services
Technical Research Liaison