

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On 2/15/07, Newmar Corporation received a notification letter from Dometic Corporation informing of a defect which relates to motor safety exists in the vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

This report was prepared on 2/15/2007.

The manufacturer's identification number for this recall is 06E-076.

1. The "Final Stage" vehicle manufacturer.

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2. Identify the vehicle involved in the recall.

The vehicles involved in the recall are recreational vehicles that were equipped with certain models of refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between April 1997 and May 2003. The vehicle models in question are as follows:
ALTT, ALFW, ASTT, ASFW, DSCA, DSDP, KAFW, KACA, KADP, KSFV, KSCA, KSDP, KSTT, LAFW, LADB, MACA, MAFW, MADP, SDCA

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance.

The total number of vehicles covered by this report is 16,190

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

100% of the vehicles listed above may contain the defect.

5. Describe the defect or non-compliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or non-compliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

Under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.

5a. Describe the cause of the defect or noncompliance.

Dometic believes that the use of a higher (325 watt) wattage heater contributed to the abnormal fatigue crack.

5b. Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

The refrigerator can be rendered non-operational and/or a fire could result

5c. Describe any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

The refrigerator could be rendered non-operational

5d. If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address:

Dometic Corporation
2320 Industrial Parkway
Elkhart, IN 46515

6. If defect, furnish a chronological summary with dates of all the principal events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. Include number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

Dometic advised Newmar Corporation of the defect in a letter dated 2/15/07. Newmar is not aware of any fires in its vehicles that were directly caused by this defect.

7. If noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data in chronological order with dates on which the noncompliance was determined.

N/A

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.

Dometic will offer to provide owners of all refrigerators a rework for the potential defect at no charge for parts or labor. Dometic has developed a rework, and the necessary parts should be available by April 16, 2007. The rework consists of secondary burner housing, a thermal fuse, and a melt fuse.

8a. Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/ assembly versus the recalled component/ assembly.

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8b. 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, state so.

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8c. Furnish a recall schedule or agenda, with specific dates, for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/ retailers, and purchasers. Please identify any foreseeable problems with implementing this recall.

Dometic Corporation will assume responsibility for coordinating and executing this recall in its entirety on behalf of Newmar Corporation.

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 concerning this recall.

Will be send as a hard copy via mail.

9a. The manufacturer's campaign identification number if not identical to the number assigned by NHTSA.

Newmar's identification number will be assigned by NHTSA.

All Documents to be faxed to (202)366-7882 to be followed by mailing.