



# Forest River, Inc.

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February 24, 2007

Mr. Daniel C. Smith  
Associate Administrator for Enforcement  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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RE: Defect Information Report; Vehicles Equipped with Certain Refrigerators  
Manufactured by Dometic Corporation.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Dometic Corporation has advised Forest River, Inc. that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of Forest River's recreational vehicles may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety because they may experience a leak of pressurized coolant solution, which can result in a vehicle fire under certain circumstances. On the basis of that Dometic determination Forest River has decided that there may be a potential safety defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified refrigerators, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Regards,

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## Defect Information Report

1. The Manufacturer of the Vehicles covered by this report is:  
Forest River, Inc.  
55470 County Road 1, P.O. Box 3030  
Elkhart, IN 46515-3030

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with certain models of refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between April 1997 and May 2003. The Models in question are as follows: All American Sport, Cardinal, Cedar Creek, Cherokee, Auto Master, Auto Plus, Eliminator, Qualifier, Georgetown, Reflection, Tsunami, Sunseeker, Forester, Lexington, Lexington GT, MB Cruiser, Windsong, Sierra, Sandpiper, Wildwood, Salem, Rockwood, Flagstaff, Wildcat, Surveyor, Grand Surveyor, Work and Play.

The vehicles were manufactured during a period from April 1997 through August of 2003.

3. Total Number of Vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this report is yet to be determined. We are able to get the information from January 1, 2000 to August 2003. However from April 1997 to January 1, 2000 is questionable because the electronic records have been lost.

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

We are unable to determine the number of units. However, based on information received from Dometic, Forest River believes that approximately .06 percent of these vehicles actually contain the defect.

5. Description of the defect:

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

6. Chronological Summary of events leading to this determination:

Dometic advised Forest River of this defect determination by letter. Forest River is not aware of any fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing this matter, Forest River decided to submit this defect report.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Forest River's vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owners. See recall No. 06E-076. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6©(8)9i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Dometic will reimburse them if they have incurred costs to obtain a remedy for a refrigerator containing such defect prior to their receipt of the notification.

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