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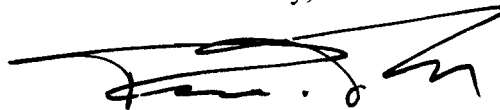
Re: Defect Information Report; Vehicles Equipped with
Certain Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Mr. Smith:

American Travel Systems Inc. has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of American Travel System Inc. 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 specific circumstances. On the basis of that Dometic determination, American Travel Systems, Inc. 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 at 574-294-2117.

Sincerely,



Randall K. Rush
President

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. **Manufacturer's name/address:**

The manufacturer of the vehicles covered by this Report is:

American Travel Systems, Inc.
21746 Buckingham Road
Elkhart, IN 46516

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 vehicles were manufactured during the period from April 1997 through September 1999.

3. **Total number of vehicles:**

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 883.

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

Based on information received from Dometic, American Travel Systems, Inc. believes that approximately .06 percent of these vehicles actually contain the defect.

5. **Description of the defect:**


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.

6. **Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:**

Dometic advised American Travel Systems, Inc of its defect determination. "American Travel Systems Inc. is not aware of any fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect." Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, American Travel Systems, Inc. decided to submit this defect report.

Program for remedying the defect:

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in American Travel Systems, Inc. vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. See Recall No. 06E-076. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) 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 a defect prior to their receipt of the notification.



Randal K. Rush

President