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Re: Recall of Recreational Vehicles Equipped with Certain  
Defective Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Mr. Smith:

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. has been notified by Dometic Corporation that certain refrigerators supplied to Fleetwood for installation as original equipment on recreational vehicles may contain a safety-related defect. On the basis of information supplied by Dometic, Fleetwood is submitting this report in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

### Products Affected

This recall involves refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation:

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Engineering, Product Safety and Standards  
Dometic Corporation  
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According to Dometic, this recall involves certain two-door refrigerator units manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003, model numbers NDR1062, RM2652, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852, RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862, and RM3863. Serial numbers of affected units are listed in Dometic's defect notice, NHTSA Recall 06E-076.

According to Fleetwood's records, the following vehicles were equipped with the subject refrigerators:

<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Product</u>	<u>Manufacture Dates</u>
<i>Class A Motor Homes - Gas</i>		
1997 - 2004	Southwind	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Pace Arrow	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Bounder	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Flair	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Storm	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Fiesta	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Terra	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003

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### *Class A Motor Homes - Diesel*

1997 - 2004	Bounder	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Discovery	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Providence	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Excursion	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Expedition	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Revolution	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	American Eagle	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	American Heritage	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	American Tradition	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003

### *Class C Motor Homes*

1997 - 2004	Jamboree	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Tioga	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003

### *Conventional and Fifth Wheel Travel Trailers*

1997 - 2004	Prowler	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Wilderness	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Terry	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Mallard	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Pioneer	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Pride	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003
1997 - 2004	Triumph	April 1, 1997 through July 31, 2003

Approximately 34,617 Fleetwood motor homes and 132,479 Fleetwood travel trailers manufactured with the subject Dometic refrigerators are affected. Dometic estimates that approximately 0.06% of the subject refrigerators may actually contain the defect. Fleetwood cannot estimate the number of vehicles that are likewise affected, but believes the percentage is approximately the same.

### **Description of Defect**

A fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, permitting the release of pressurized coolant solution into an area where an ignition source is present. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source, under certain circumstances, a fire can result.

### **Chronological Summary of Events**

On or about February 20, 2007, Fleetwood received a letter from Dometic advising Fleetwood of its determination that the subject refrigerators contain a safety-related defect, and describing Dometic's program for remedying the defective products. On the basis of Dometic's determination, Fleetwood decided to submit this defect notice in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

### **Program for Remedying the Defect**

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Fleetwood's vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. Please refer to Recall No. 06E-076 for details regarding Dometic's recall

campaign and proposed remedy. Fleetwood will provide Dometic's representative with owner information for purposes of notification. 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.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Craig Biazo, Director  
Travel Trailer Service

cc: Mr. George Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division, NHTSA

Mr. Patrick N. McConnell, Director  
Engineering, Product Safety and Standards  
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