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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

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

Dear Valued Customer:

Hy-Line Enterprises, Inc has been advised by Dometic Corp. that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of Hy-Line's recreational vehicles may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety because they may experience a leak of pressurized coolant which can result in a vehicle fire under certain specific circumstances. This includes models of Hy-Line, Easystreet, and Premier. On the basis of that Dometic determination, Hy-Line 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 574-262-3432.

Sincerely,



Randall R. Hoff
Vice President
Hy-Line Enterprises, Inc.

Enclosure

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

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

The manufacturer of the vehicles covered by this Report is:

Manufacturer's Name H7-Line Enterprises, Inc
 Manufacturer's Address 21674 Beck Dr., 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 vehicle models in question are as follows: H7-Line and Premier

The vehicles were manufactured during the period from April 1997 through 9/03 [because it is likely that there was a lag between the time refrigerators were manufactured and the time that they were installed in vehicles, **Dometic** recommends that you insert "July 2003" or "August 2003" unless you have specific information regarding the dates of manufacture of the last vehicles equipped with the covered refrigerators.]

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 78.

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

Based on information received from Dometic, [Manufacturer] 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 [Manufacturer] of its defect determination by letter dated 2/14/07. [Manufacturer] is not aware of any fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect. [or "[Manufacturer] is aware of only 0 fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to **this** defect."] Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, [Manufacturer] 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 **[Manufacturer's]** 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.

Randall R Hoff
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