

PALOMINO R.V.

DIVISION OF FOREST RIVER

P.O. BOX 802 • 1047 EAST M-86 • COLON, MI 49040

Phone: (269) 432-3271

Fax: (269) 432-2516

www.palominorv.com



07V-144
(3 pages)

March 20, 2007

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

RECEIVED
2007 MAR 28 A 9:48
OFFICE OF DEFECTS
INVESTIGATION

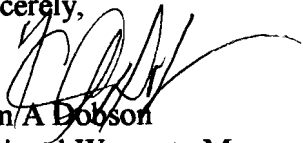
Re: Defect Information Report; Certain Palomino Travel Trailers Equipped with RM2652 Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Palomino RV, a Division of Forest River Inc., has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain refrigerators installed as original equipment in some Palomino 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, Palomino RV 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 me at 269-432-3246 or email me at kdobson@palominorv.com.

Sincerely,


Kim/A Dobson
National Warranty Manager
Palomino RV

Defect Information Report

07V-144
(3 pages)

1. Manufacturer's name/Address

The manufacturers of the vehicles covered by this Report are:

Vanguard Industries of MI, Inc (Out of Business)
31450 Hwy M86 West
Colon, MI 49040

Vanguard LLC (Out of Business)
1047 East Hwy M86
Colon, MI 49040

Palomino RV (A Division of Forest River Inc.)
1047 East Hwy M86
Colon, MI 49040

2. Vehicles Involved

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with the RM2652 model refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between April 1997 and May 2003. The vehicle models in question are as follows:

1999 – 2003 Palomino Stampede and Thoroughbred Travel Trailers

3. Total Number of Vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 345.

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

Based on the information received from Dometic, Palomino RV believes that approximately 75 percent of these vehicles may contain the defect.

5. Description of Defect:

Under certain circumstance, 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.

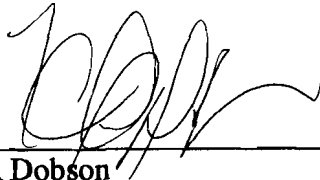
6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Dometic advised Palomino RV of its defect determination by recall notice sometime in late February 2007. Palomino RV is not aware of any fires in its vehicles related to this defect, nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Palomino RV decided to submit this defect report.

(3 pages)

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Palomino RV vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. See Dometic 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.



Kim A Dobson
National Warranty Manager
Palomino RV