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Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

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(5 pages)

On August 28, 2006, Cruiser RV decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: August 30, 2007

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 06E-076

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Cruiser RV

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Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

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Governmental Compliance Manger

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Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Deborah Baker
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Signed: Deborah E. Baker (Electronic signature)

¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210 or by FAX at (202) 366-7882.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Cruiser RV **Model Years Involved:** 1997-2003 **Model(s):** Shadow Cruiser

Production Dates: Beginning: April 1997 **Ending:** July 2003

VIN Range: Beginning: 1S3F10K20W1015012 **Ending:** IC9ESJ000Y1736021

Vehicle Type: Recreational Vehicle **Bodystyle:** Fifth Wheel

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

May contain Dometic refrigerators which could experience a leak of pressurized coolant solution which could result in a vehicle fire under certain specific circumstances.

Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ **Model Years Involved:** _____ **Model(s):** _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: _____ **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
Shadow Cruiser	1997-2003	187

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 187

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: Per Dometic: a potential maximum incident rate of .06%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined--in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

No notification was made by Dometic to Cruiser RV. DoubleTree RV is the parent company of Cruiser RV and is under the same recall. Cruiser RV was notified by NHTSA the Cruiser product may also be affected. Based on model and serial numbers provided by Dometic to DoubleTree RV, Cruiser RV was able to determine the potential RVs which may contain a defective refrigerator.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

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.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Same as above.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

If the leaked coolant solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

None known.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

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Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

Patrick N. McConnell, Director of Engineering, Product Safety and Standards, Dometic Corporation

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

August 2007 – Cruiser RV notified by NHTSA that same recall conditions may apply to its product as it does to its parent company, DoubleTree RV.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Non Applicable

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

Dometic will arrange to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Cruiser RV's vehicles at no charge to the vehicle owner. See Recall No. 06E-076. Pursuant 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Dometic will reimburse them if they gave incurred cost to obtain a remedy for a refrigerator containing such a defect prior to their receipt of notification.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

Unknown

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

Please refer to Dometics' recall submission.

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

See Dometics' recall schedule.

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

- 9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.***

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements