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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
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Washington, DC 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Monaco Coach Corporation ("Monaco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a safety recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. As explained below, the campaign will be conducted and administered by Stericycle, who has been retained by Dometic Corporation ("Dometic"), the manufacturer of the refrigerators in the affected motorhomes, to manage this campaign. Specific information is as follows:

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The affected vehicles include the following (TT=Travel Trailer; FW=Fifth Wheel, A=Class A Motorhome and C=Class C Motorhome):

Monaco: 2002 Signature A (1).

Holiday Rambler: 1995 Aluma-lite Custom TT (1), 1995 Imperial FW (1) and 1997 Aluma-lite FW (1).

Beaver: 1998-2002 Patriot A (30), 1999-2001 Patriot Thunder A (8), 2000-2002 Monterey A (172), 2000-2002 Contessa A (13) and 2002 Magnum Monterey A (8).

Safari: 1997-2001 Safari C (309), 1998 Renegade A (1), 1999-2001 Desperado C (88), 1997-1999 Ivory A (50), 1997-2001 Serengeti A (327), 1997-2000 Continental A (198), 1997-2000 Sahara A (451), 1997-2003 Trek Gas A (973), 1997-2002 Trek Diesel A (240), 1999-2003 Zanzibar A (375) and 2000-2003 Cheetah A (216).

The affected vehicles were manufactured from May 25, 1996 through June 21, 2002. There are also two 1995 vehicles that had replacement refrigerators installed that may be affected.

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A total of **three thousand four hundred and sixty-three** (3463) vehicles are in the recall population. Of this total, **three thousand three hundred and seventy-two** (3372) are in the recall population for the United States and **ninety-one** (91) were exported.

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Monaco was notified by Dometic that a serious problem resulting in a fire may occur in an exceptionally small fraction of Dometic two-door refrigerators. However, they will be repairing one hundred percent (100%) of the recall population due to potential risk.

The recall population was determined from refrigerator purchase records supplied by Dometic, as described below, with a total of **three thousand four hundred and sixty-three** (3463) vehicles of which **three thousand three hundred and seventy-two** (3372) are within the US NHTSA recall campaign. The total population was compiled from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing facilities in Wakarusa, Indiana, Coburg, Oregon and Harrisburg, Oregon which produced the affected vehicles.

Dometic supplied to Monaco a list of potentially affected two door refrigerator purchased from Dometic. Current information from Dometic indicates that the Company has purchased the following potentially affected refrigerators by model from Dometic:

- 1997 Safari purchases: RM2852 (247) and RM3862 (188) = 435 potentially affected refrigerators
- 1998 Monaco purchases: RM3863 (2); Safari purchases: NDR1062 (65), RM3862 (332) and RM2852 (383) = 782 potentially affected refrigerators
- 1999 Safari purchases: NDR1062 (205), RM3862 (283) and RM2852 (58) = 546 potentially affected refrigerators
- 2000 Monaco purchases: RM3862 (2); Safari purchases: NDR1062 (140), RM3862 (300), RM2852 (110) and RM2652 (3) = 555 potentially affected refrigerators
- 2001 Safari purchases: NDR1062 (70), RM3862 (92), RM2852 (6) and RM2652 (-3) = 165 potentially affected refrigerators
- 2002 Monaco purchases: NDR1062 (7) and RM3862 (94) = 101 potentially affected refrigerators
- 2003 No purchases by Monaco Coach Corporation

A total of **two thousand five hundred and eighty four** (2584) affected refrigerators were purchased by Monaco per Dometic. Dometic agreed to send recall notices also on vehicles we couldn't identify as having an affected refrigerator with certainty. Thus Monaco has more coaches potentially affected than the list of total refrigerators Monaco bought from Dometic. These vehicles we couldn't confirm with certainty were from older paper files from Safari Motor Corporation ("SMC") prior to Monaco's purchase in 2001.

The affected two door refrigerators were manufactured from April of 1997 through May of 2003. The affected refrigerators have the following model numbers: NDR1062, RM2652, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852, RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862 and RM3863.

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Monaco received documents from Dometic notifying us that they determined that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, may exist in some of the refrigerators that Dometic Corporation manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003. The defect is that under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the identified 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.

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Monaco received initial general information via UPS from Dometic in March 2007 pertaining to a potential recall on the two door refrigerators. Monaco contacted Dometic and was told that we had no units affected. Monaco later received an email in April 2007 stating that Dometic possibly found some refrigerators that may have been sold to Safari Motor Corporation and Harney Coach Works (which were acquired by Monaco Coach Corporation in August 2001). At the same time, Dometic updated that there were a few sold to Holiday Rambler and Monaco. Monaco then began manually researching their production files to determine the potential affected refrigerator models supplied by Dometic to create the Monaco scope of vehicles. Monaco is currently not aware of any casualties or losses related to this issue.

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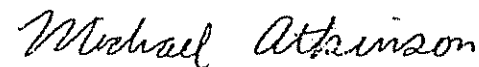
Dometic's remedy for any affected refrigerator will be installing a secondary burn housing, a thermal fuse and a melt fuse that will prevent this condition from leading to a fire outside the burner area. There are two different rework kits for this recall: one for the two-way refrigerators and one for three-way refrigerators. The recall is expected to begin during April 2007. A Dometic dealer will conduct this service procedure at no charge to the customer.

We believe that Dometic has previously forwarded to you copies of its 577 owner notification letter and 573 defect information report. Stericycle through Dometic will be mailing owner notifications, conducting this recall and reporting quarterly to NHTSA for Monaco. Monaco will be supplying Dometic and Stericycle with an updated owner and address list of information.

Please acknowledge receipt of this defect information report and provide the recall number that will be assigned by NHTSA to this campaign.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Michael Atkinson
Recall Administrator
Monaco Coach Corporation