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America's Favorite Truck Camper

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(5 pages)

VIA FACSIMILE

Re: Dometic Refrigerator Recall
NHTSA Identification Number EQ06-019

Dear Mr. Boyd:

This letter is in response to your letter to Lance Camper Mfg. Corp. ("Lance Campers") dated August 20, 2007 regarding the above-entitled matter.

Pursuant to your request, please find attached the Defect Information Report submitted to NHTSA by Lance Campers.

If you have any questions or require further information or action regarding this matter, please contact me at (661) 949-3322, Ext. 202, or via e-mail at jank@lancecamper.com.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jan Y. Kurahara, Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Jan Y. Kurahara, Jr., Esq.
Chief Administrative Officer and General Counsel
Lance Camper Mfg. Corp.

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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1. Manufacturer's name/address:

The original equipment manufacturer of the slide-in pickup truck campers covered by this Report is:

Lance Camper Mfg. Corp.
43120 Venture Street
Lancaster, California 93535

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are slide-in pickup truck camper recreational vehicles ("truck campers") that were equipped with certain models of refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between April 1997 and May 2003. (While slide-in pickup truck campers are generally defined as "recreational vehicles," they are not technically either motor vehicles or trailers because they do not have either wheels or motors. These truck campers simply sit in the cargo area on the back of a pickup truck and therefore are considered as either equipment or cargo.) The Lance truck camper models/ model years in question are set for in Schedule A attached hereto.

For the model years 1997 and 1998, the Dometic refrigerators subject to recall were options on certain models. Schedule A attached hereto lists the percentage of any given model/model year truck camper that contained the Dometic refrigerators subject to the recall.

The truck campers were manufactured during the period from April, 1997 through June, 2001.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of slide-in truck campers covered by this Report is 7,692.

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

Based on information received from Dometic, Lance Camper Mfg. Corp. believes that approximately 0.01% of these truck campers 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 fire in the truck camper.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Lance Camper Mfg. Corp. did not receive notice of Dometic's defect determination until it received the letter from NHTSA dated August 20, 2007 regarding this subject matter. This letter was received by Lance on August 21, 2007.

Lance Camper Mfg. Corp. is not aware of any fires in its truck campers that appear to be related to this defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, and at the request of NHTSA, Lance Camper Mfg. Corp. 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 Lance Camper Mfg. Corp.'s truck campers at no charge to camper 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. Lance has agreed to have Stericycle, Inc. conduct the recall on Lance's behalf. Lance will send to Stericycle, Inc. all Lance truck camper serial numbers subject to the recall, and names and addresses of owners of said truck campers that Lance has in its system, and well as names and addresses of dealers who sold the truck campers to the end-user customers within 10 days from the date of this Defect Information Report.



Jan Y. Kurahara, Jr.
Chief Administrative Officer
Lance Camper Mfg. Corp.

**SCHEDULE A
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
LANCE CAMPER MFG. CORP.**

Item 2: Lance Camper models/years involved in the Dometic refrigerator recall:

<u>Camper Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>
LL500	1998
LL500EC	1997, 1998
LL880	1997
LL880EC	1997, 1998
LL945	1997
LL945EC	1997, 1998
LL980EC	1997, 1998
LL990EC	1997, 1998
LS5000	1997, 1998
LS5000EC	1997, 1998
LS8000	1997, 1998
LS8000EC	1997, 1998
LS9500	1997
LS9500EC	1997, 1998
LS9800EC	1998
1010	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
1020	1999, 2000
1025	2002
1030	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
1061	2000, 2001, 2002
1110	1999
1120	1999, 2000
1121	2000, 2001, 2002
1130	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
1140	2000, 2001
1161	2001, 2002

**SCHEDULE A (CONTINUED)
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT
LANCE CAMPER MFG. CORP.**

Item 2: Percentage of certain models during 1997 and 1998 containing Dometic refrigerators subject to recall:

<u>Camper Model</u>	<u>Model Year</u>	<u>Percentage With Recalled Dometic Refrigerators</u>
LL945EC	1997	98%
LL980EC	1997	98%
LS5000	1997	67%
LS5000EC	1997	89%
LS8000	1997	50%
LS8000EC	1997	98%
LS 9500EC	1997	94%
LL500	1998	50%
LL500EC	1998	93%
LL880EC	1998	97%
LL945EC	1998	99%
LL980EC	1998	99%
LL990EC	1998	98%
LS5000	1998	88%
LS5000EC	1998	96%
LS8000	1998	67%
LS8000EC	1998	98%
LS9500EC	1998	94%
LS9800EC	1998	99%

All (100%) of the listed truck campers in the other camper model/model years set forth in the preceding chart have Dometic refrigerators subject to this recall.