

September 5, 2007

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NHTSA-DOT  
1200 New Jersey Ave; SE  
Washington, DC 20590

07V-438  
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Re: Defect Information Report; Campers Equipped with  
Certain Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Dear Valued Customer:

Cache Camper has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of Cache Camper's pickup campers 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, Cache Camper 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 907-745-4061

Sincerely,

  
Loras D. Leuenberger

President/Owner

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RECALL MGMT DIV.

September 5, 2007

## DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

Cache Camper MFG.INC.  
P O Box 2063  
Palmer, AK 99645

The pickup campers covered by this report are recreational campers that were equipped with certain models of refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between April 1997 and May 2003. Alaska does not require VIN numbers for pickup campers so we use serial numbers. The campers in question are as follows:

#532198-9-6  
#521698-8  
#519898-8  
#498301-8  
#493198-7  
#485204-7  
#472303-7  
#465999-8  
#464903-6  
#463203-6  
#456799-8  
#452299-8D  
#443301-8  
#423602-8-9  
#413297-8  
#396697-8-1

The campers were manufactured during the period from April 1997 through June 2004, because it is likely that there was a lag between the time refrigerators were manufactured and the time that they were installed in campers.

The total number of campers covered by this report is sixteen.

Based on information received from Dometic, Cache Camper believes that approximately .06 percent of these campers actually contain 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.

Dometic advised Cache Camper of its defect determination by a letter dated August 28, 2006 from Patrick N. McConnell, Director of Engineering, Product Safety and Standards. Cache Camper is not aware of any fires in its vehicles that appear to be related to this defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Cache Camper decided to submit this defect report.

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Cache Camper's campers at no charge to the 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.

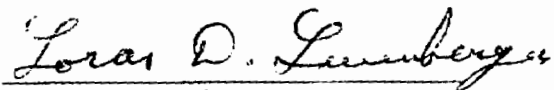
Cache Camper has contacted Dometic and Stericycle and have authorized them to manage the administration of this recall to include:

- Notifying the camper owners from the list that Cache Camper has provided
- Implementation for the rework program,
- The maintenance of relevant records, and
- The reporting to NHTSA of the progress of the recall

August 17, 2007 is when the search of current state motor vehicle registration records was initiated in order to update the original owner list.

September 5, 2007 Cache Camper made available the owner list to Stericycle/Dometic to initiate owner notification.

September 5, 2007 is the approximate date when the owner notification will begin and Stericycle/Dometic will continue and complete the notifications necessary.



Loras D. Leuenberger  
President/Owner

## Cache Camper Customer List For Dometic Recall

<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Zip</u>
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