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Vallejo Police Dept.
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Vallejo, CA 94590

Dear

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

LDV has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles it manufactured equipped with Dometic refrigerators. This decision was based on information provided by Dometic Corporation.

The manufacturer of the refrigerator has determined that a fatigue crack may develop in the boiler tube in the area of the weld between the boiler tube and the heater pocket. If the fatigue crack develops, coolant solution may be released which could be ignited by the presence of an open flame, resulting in a fire. In order for the hazardous condition to develop, the following conditions must exist:

- The refrigerator must be on and operating and the gas burning must be lit;
- There must be an oversized heating element in the refrigerator;
- The boiler tube must develop a fatigue crack of sufficient size to release coolant;
- There must be a release of the coolant at a rate which will allow the accumulation of coolant at a concentration within its range of flammability; and
- There must be an ignition source (gas flame) present.

What to Do:

1) Turn the refrigerator off immediately if you notice any of the following indicators:

- Leakage or staining at the back of the refrigerator.
- Yellow residue at the back or sides of the refrigerator.
- The smell of ammonia.
- Refrigerator does not properly cool.

Any unit found to have one or more of the characteristics mentioned above MUST be shut down and not operated until the unit is fixed and the recall rework administered.



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For any unit that does fall within the recall population, but does not exhibit any of the four indicators mentioned in #1, consider the following:

- 2) Do not operate your refrigeration on LP gas. Switching to electric power lowers the incident rate associated with LP gas. If you own a 3-way refrigerator, running the unit on 12-volt power carries the least risk of all. 3-way refrigerators have model numbers that end in "3".

Dometic recommends that the unit not be operated on electric unless absolutely necessary until your unit has been serviced. **If you choose to operate your unit on electric prior to the recall rework, you must inspect the burner area weekly for any of the indicators referenced in number 1 above.**

- 3) Dometic recommends that you turn off the gas valve at the back of your refrigerator. DO NOT, however, attempt to disconnect the gas supply. Instructions on how to turn off the gas valve are included in this envelope.
- 4) If you must operate your refrigerator on electric, DO NOT operate your refrigerator while in transit or while occupants are asleep.
- 5) The rework kit is available. Please call your preferred service center to set up an appointment. For help in locating a service center, or for the most up-to-date recall information, call 1-888-446-5157.
- 6) If the manufacturer fails or is unable to rework this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may also submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.
- 7) If you previously paid to repair or replace a Dometic refrigerator that failed due to this defect, you can be reimbursed for your costs pursuant to Dometic's Pre-Notification Reimbursement Program. To be eligible for reimbursement under that Program, you must complete and submit the required form and provide the necessary documentation. The Program and form can be obtained by calling Dometic at 1-888-446-5157.

If the Dometic refrigerator is still installed in your LDV Mobile Command Center, you should discontinue using it immediately and follow these instructions. If you have any questions, please call me.

Sincerely,
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Director of Technical Services
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Commonwealth of Virginia – Dept. of State Police

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