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IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION #70219

March 2007

**TO: ALL FLEETWOOD DEALER PRINCIPALS,
SERVICE MANAGERS
AND PARTS MANAGERS**

SUBJECT: RECALL CAMPAIGN #70219
American Eagle and American Tradition Battery Seal

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing center located in Decatur, Indiana is requesting your assistance in conducting a voluntary recall notification campaign in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2007 model year American Eagle and American Tradition brand class A motor homes. We are notifying owners in order to correct the problem. A copy of the letter sent to owners is enclosed for your information.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

On certain model American Eagle and American Tradition motor homes affected by this recall the service compartment that contains the inverter and the house batteries is insufficiently sealed from spark producing devices. In the event out gassing occurs from the batteries and the gases are exposed to a spark of measurable size and duration, ignition of the gasses may occur. This has the potential to ignite combustible objects within the compartment.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Owners of the above mentioned motor homes have been asked to contact a Fleetwood dealer to have the described defect remedied. In the event that you are contacted by a customer, please verify eligibility by referring to the serial number range listed in the enclosed Recall Service Bulletin #70219 prior to beginning the repairs. Should a customer have you perform this service, please complete the **Fleetwood Repair Order (form X-SR-042)**.

Once repairs are completed, have the customer sign the **Fleetwood Repair Order** and return it to your National Warranty Processing Center in Decatur, Indiana for payment. You will be reimbursed in accordance with Service Bulletin #70219. Customers will not be charged for these repairs.

If you have one of these vehicles in your inventory, you will be mailed a Safety Recall Notice for that specific motor home. Fleetwood is asking our dealers to make repairs to stock units on dealer lots prior to sale or lease.

Federal Law (Section 154 of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966) requires that:

If you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply from Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defects on vehicles remaining in your inventory according to the notification, before selling or leasing the vehicles. Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of the notice to the lessee within ten days.

Please review this entire package with your parts and service staff to familiarize them with the step-by-step procedure and implement the Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign,

Thank you for helping Fleetwood with its continuing efforts to maintain customer satisfaction. If you have any questions, please contact your regional Fleetwood Service Center.

Sincerely,

FLEEWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC.



Tina Inkrote
Service Administrator
Motor Home Division

Enclosures: Recall # 70219 Customer Letter
Recall # 70219 Service Bulletin



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Dear Valued Fleetwood Motor Home Customer:

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

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing center located in Decatur, Indiana has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2007 model year American Eagle and American Tradition brand class A motor homes.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

On certain models of American Eagle and American Tradition motor homes affected by this recall the service compartment that contains the inverter and the house batteries is insufficiently sealed from spark producing devices. In the event out gassing occurs from the batteries and the gases are exposed to a spark of measurable size and duration, ignition of the gasses may occur. This has the potential to ignite combustible objects within the compartment.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please make certain your motor home is inspected and repaired by contacting your selling dealer, and making an appointment to have this inspection and repair performed. If they are not available, another Fleetwood motor home dealer may do this work for you.

WHAT WILL FLEETWOOD DO?

Fleetwood will inspect and install a compartment spacer and bulb seal to the service compartment that contains the house batteries. The total length of time your motor home will be out of service will depend on the dealer's work schedule.

If you have had this concern corrected previously, you may be eligible for reimbursement of your cost for that repair. For more information regarding this recall #70219, contact Fleetwood Owner Relations at 800-509-3418.

When you deliver your motor home for repairs, your dealer will complete a Fleetwood Repair Order. Upon completion of the repair, please sign the Fleetwood Repair Order and fill out the enclosed, self-addressed ***Vehicle Information Update Card*** and return it to Fleetwood.

If you have changed your address or sold the motor home, please take a moment to provide the name and address of the person or dealership you sold it to on the enclosed ***Vehicle Information Update Card*** and return it to Fleetwood. This will allow us to update our records and if necessary, notify the new owner using the information you provide.

For leased vehicles: Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you are unable to obtain the specified repair promptly and without charge, please contact:

Fleetwood Owner Relations - Recall #70219
P.O. Box 59933
Riverside, California 92517
(800) 509-3418

If you believe that the dealer and Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., have failed or have been unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW
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>

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., is taking these steps in the interest of your safety. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

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Recall Bulletin 70219



**RECALL
BULLETIN:
70219**

**YEAR(S)
AFFECTED:
2007**

**PRODUCT(S)
AFFECTED:**
American Eagle,
American
Tradition, with
Unit Serial
Numbers Listed
in This Bulletin

**MODEL(S)
AFFECTED:**
American Eagle:
40J, 42F, 42L,
42R, 42V
American
Tradition:
40J, 40Z, 42F, 42L,
42R, 42V

SUBJECT:
Installing Battery
Compartment
Seal

KEYWORDS:
Battery, seal, bulb
seal

ISSUE DATE:
March 2007

The purpose of this bulletin is to inform all Fleetwood dealers about the need to inspect, and if necessary, install a bulb seal on the outer end of the divider inside the inverter compartment between the inverter side and battery side on motor homes with unit serial numbers listed in this Bulletin.

NOTE: For the purpose of customer convenience, please coordinate the procedures in this Recall bulletin with those listed in Fleetwood Recall 70131 for models 42F, 42L, 42R, and 42V.

CONDITION:

The compartment containing the coach batteries needs to be sealed from spark-producing devices in order to prevent the ignition of gases produced by the batteries.

CORRECTION:

Follow the steps below to inspect, and if necessary, install a bulb seal in the battery compartment.

1. Park the motor home on a smooth flat surface, allowing adequate room on the passenger side to open the battery compartment door. Put the transmission into PARK and set the parking brake. Turn the ignition off and remove the key from the ignition switch.
2. Open the battery compartment door.
 - A) If a bulb seal is present as shown in Figure 1, no further repairs are necessary.
 - B) If a bulb seal is not present, continue to Step 3, Bulb Seal Installation.

▲ WARNING

- BATTERIES CONTAIN ACID AND EXPLOSIVE GASES; USE EXTREME CARE WHEN WORKING NEAR BATTERIES. DO NOT SMOKE OR HAVE OPEN FLAMES. AVOID CREATING SPARKS AROUND WET CELL BATTERIES.
- UNPLUG THE SHORE CORD.
- TURN OFF BOTH BATTERY DISCONNECTS.
- TURN OFF THE GENERATOR AND DISABLE THE AUTO-GEN-START SYSTEM.

Bulb Seal Installation

3. Remove the screws fastening the metal channel molding to the edge of the battery compartment wall. (See Figure 1.) Discard the screws.

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4. Position the Compartment Spacer so that it is aligned with the channel molding. See Figure 1.
5. Fasten the Compartment Spacer and the channel molding to the end of the compartment wall using screws included with the repair kit. Tighten screws.
6. Prepare the surface of the new Compartment Spacer for application of a bulb seal by wiping with an adhesion promoter, such as Pro-Bond.
7. Remove the protective strip from the back of the new bulb seal and apply the seal to the surface of the Compartment Spacer using firm pressure. Make sure that the bulb seal adheres to all areas of the surface of the Compartment Spacer.
8. Close and open the compartment door to ensure operation and to verify the seal makes contact with the back side of the door. Correct as necessary.
9. Turn on battery disconnects.

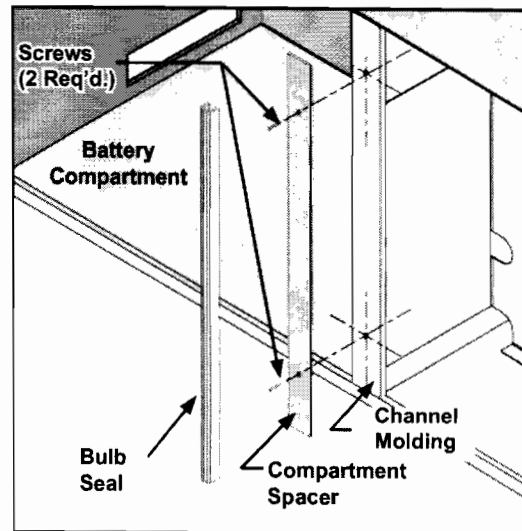


Figure 1

TOOLS:

Clean shop cloth (for applying adhesive promoter)
 ProBond Adhesive Promoter, or equivalent
 Driver with Phillips bit

PARTS:

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
516495	Kit, Battery Compartment Seal	1

Kit Includes:

Compartment Spacer (qty. 1), Bulb Seal (qty. 1), and Screws #10 x 1.25" PPH plated (qty. 2)

Place your parts order and process warranty repair orders by using the Fleetwood Dealer

Network eFDN: <http://fwc.fleetwood.com>

or call the Parts Department at: (800) 591-0628

Warranty Labor Allowance:

Use Flat Rate Codes:

Battery Compartment Seal Installation, American Coach		
9183 - 11	0.1	hr. Inspected/Not Defective
9183 - 12	0.5	hr. Inspected/Defective/Repaired
9183 - 13	0.1	hr. Inspected/Defective/Owner Decline
9183 - 14	0.1	hr. Inspected/Defective/Missing Parts
9183 - 15	0.1	hr. Inspected/Defective/Need Tools
9183 - 16	0.1	hr. Unable to Notify Customer
9183 - 17	0.1	hr. Customer Unreachable

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, contact American Coach Dealer
 Technical Support Group at: 1-800-417-6413

Fleetwood Service Literature is available at: <http://www.fleetwoodrvdealers.com>

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RECALL 70219 - AFFECTED MOTOR HOMES

2007 American Eagle

719L74497248	719J74497777	719J74498143	719J74498321	719R74498616
719V74497376	719R74497780	719V74498152	719R74498372	719R74498672
719L74497507	719R74497781	719F74498189	719J74498377	719F74498751
719L74497508	719R74497782	719F74498191	719J74498378	719F74498843
719R74497512	719F74497843	719R74498197	719J74498381	719J74498844
719F74497515	719F74497844	719V74498201	719J74498478	719F74498846
719J74497561	719R74497850	719V74498202	719J74498479	719F74498911
719V74497564	719R74497862	719V74498204	719J74498480	719F74498916
719V74497565	719F74497900	719F74498243	719F74498545	719F74498970
719F74497584	719L74497901	719R74498244	719R74498547	719F74498974
719F74497587	719V74497908	719J74498245	719J74498552	719F74498982
719R74497709	719J74498079	719L74498306	719L74498553	719F74499012
719F74497775	719F74498093	719V74498307	719F74498604	719F74499014
719F74497776	719L74498142	719R74498313	719F74498608	

2007 American Tradition

780R74497251	780R74497784	780V74497904	780Z74498311	780F74498839
780J74497369	780R74497785	780R74497907	780L74498312	780Z74498840
780Z74497438	780V74497789	780Z74498080	780R74498316	780Z74498841
780R74497504	780V74497790	780V74498081	780R74498317	780F74498848
780L74497516	780Z74497845	780F74498082	780J74498318	780Z74498902
780J74497562	780Z74497846	780J74498144	780J74498319	780F74498906
780J74497563	780Z74497847	780Z74498145	780V74498320	780F74498909
780V74497568	780L74497848	780L74498148	780V74498379	780R74498910
780Z74497575	780L74497849	780R74498149	780V74498380	780Z74498973
780Z74497576	780R74497853	780V74498151	780F74498383	780F74499015
780R74497704	780R74497854	780F74498193	780F74498386	780F74499021
780R74497705	780V74497858	780F74498195	780J74498481	
780F74497708	780Z74497863	780L74498198	780J74498482	
780Z74497713	780R74497864	780Z74498205	780Z74498546	
780R74497714	780R74497865	780J74498246	780Z74498611	
780R74497715	780Z74497866	780F74498247	780Z74498612	
780F74497772	780R74497867	780V74498248	780F74498743	
780F74497773	780V74497868	780Z74498249	780V74498744	
780F74497774	780Z74497902	780Z74498308	780F74498746	
780R74497783	780V74497903	780Z74498309	780R74498750	

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