



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-179

SUBJECT: OPTIONAL INVERTER NOT PROTECTED BY A FUSE

DEAR MR. ATKINSON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Monaco Coach Corporation's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MONACO COACH/MONARCH
MONACO COACH/LAPALMA
HOLIDAY RAMBLER/ADMIRAL
HOLIDAY RAMBLER/VACATIONER
SAFARI/SIMBA

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-179

Mfg's Report Date: April 15, 2008

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM: FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 811

Summary:

MONACO IS RECALLING 811 MONARCH, LAPALMA REAR GAS AND LAPALMA DIESEL, HOLIDAY RAMBLER ADMIRAL, VACATIONER REAR GAS AND VACATIONER DIESEL AND SAFARI SIMBA MOTOR HOMES WITH THE INVERTER OPTION. THE OPTIONAL INVERTER IS NOT PROTECTED BY A FUSE AS THE RESULT OF A PRODUCTION ERROR. THE FUSE SHOULD BE INSTALLED IN THE BATTERY COMPARTMENT IN THE REAR OF THE PASSENGER SIDE OF THE MOTOR HOME BETWEEN THE BATTERY SOURCE AND THE INVERTER. THE INVERTER IS TO BE A PROTECTED APPLIANCE BY CODE REQUIREMENT.

Consequence:

WITH NO FUSE INSTALLED, A VEHICLE FIRE MAY RESULT FROM FAILURE OF THE INVERTER.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A 125AMP FUSE TO PROTECT THE INVERTER FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MAY 15, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT MONACO AT 1-800-685-6545.

Notes:

MONACO RECALL NO. R08001. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please provide us with the model years and beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement