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Mr. George H. Person
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U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Ave. SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Mr. Person:

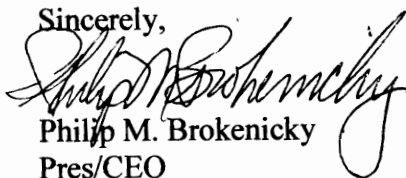
Ref. EQ07-006

In answer to your letter of December 14, 2007, I offer the following information. First of all, this was the first time we were aware of the filing requirement, so we are not only answering your questions, but also providing a PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report which is attached.

1. New Horizons manufactured fifth wheel travel trailers using the Atwood ranges that were recalled by Atwood Mobile Products. The brand name of the units is New Horizons. They all were 2007 model years and they were manufactured by us from December 3, 2006 thru May 15, 2007. There were 7 units manufactured using the Atwood ranges.
2. We were shipped a total of 9 Atwood ranges that were affected by their recall.
3. All Atwood ranges that were still in our control were either returned to Atwood or retrofitted with the kit supplied by Atwood before being used in any RV manufactured by us. There are none in our inventory affected by the recall.
4. There are no completed RV's in dealer inventory with the affected units.
5. There were a total of 7 units sold to consumers that we suspected had the affected units. Those customer names and contact information were supplied to Atwood on May 14, 2007.
6. We did not contact the customer with the recall, because Atwood Mobile Products indicated that they were doing so. As mentioned above, we furnished Atwood with the customers names and contact information on May 14, 2007. We have no dealers as we are a direct seller of the New Horizons that we manufacture.

I trust that this answers any questions that you outlined in your letter to us. If, however, you need additional information, please contact me so I may be of assistance.

Sincerely,


Philip M. Brokenicky
Pres/CEO

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report¹

On MAY 8, 2007, Atwood Motor Rep. [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

Date this report was prepared: JANUARY 2, 2008

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): EQ07-006

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

NEW HORIZONS RV CORP
2618 MID AMERICA DR.
JUNCTION CITY, KANSAS 66441

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

PHILIP M. BROKENICKY, PRESIDENT

Telephone Number: 785-238-7575 Fax No.: 785-238-4992

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

PHILIP M. BROKENICKY, PRES

Signed:



¹Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): NEW HORIZONS Model Years Involved: 2007 Model(s): FIFTH WHEEL (CUSTOM)

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/3/06 Ending: 5/15/07

VIN Range: Beginning: 71184727 Ending: 71184741

Vehicle Type: R.V. Bodystyle: FIFTH WHEEL TRAILER

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

RECALLED UNITS HAD ATWOOD COOKING RANGES. THEY ISSUED A RECALL
FOR THEIR RANGES PRODUCED BETWEEN 12/3/06 & ~~4/6/07~~

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Widgets equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Widgets of all Widgets manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
Fifth Wheel	2007	27

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:

27

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 90%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

WE RECEIVED NOTICE FROM ATWOOD ON MAY 3, 2007 THAT THEY WERE RECALLING RANGES MANUFACTURED BY THEM DURING DEC. 3, 2006 THRU APRIL 6, 2007. WE CHECKED ALL RANGES IN OUR POSSESSION AGAINST THE IDENTIFIED DATES. IF ANY OF THOSE UNITS WERE DEFECTIVE THEY WERE FIXED USING THE KITS PROVIDED BY ATWOOD. WE THEN FURNISHED ATWOOD WITH DELIVERED UNITS' OWNERS & CONTACT INFORMATION THAT WE BELIEVED COULD BE IMPACTED BY THE RECALL. SINCE WE ARE A DIRECT SELLER OF NEW HORIZONS RV'S WE DID NOT HAVE DEALER STOCK TO BE CONCERNED WITH.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

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Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

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Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

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Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

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If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

ATWOOD MOBILE PRODUCTS

1120 N. MAIN ST

ELKHART, INDIANA 46514

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

MARTHA MOYER, CORPORATE COUNSEL

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims. *SEE ATWOOD RECALL*

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

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Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

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Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

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VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

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VII. Furnish Recall Communications

9. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. *A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing.*

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Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 573.8 requirements.