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Dear Mr. Person:

Please find enclosed our completed Safety Defect and Noncompliance Guide for Vehicles. This is being furnished in response to the Dometic Refrigerator Recall EQ06-019.

We are sorry for the delay in filing this report. I was not fully aware of our responsibilities regarding this recall.

If there is additional information you require, please contact me directly so that I may ensure that we comply.

Sincerely,

Philip M. Brokenicky  
President/CEO

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles  
**PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports<sup>1</sup>**

On February 16, , 2007, **New Horizons RV Corp [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 Responsibility and Reports.**

Date this report was prepared: April 7, 2008

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): EQ06E-019

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

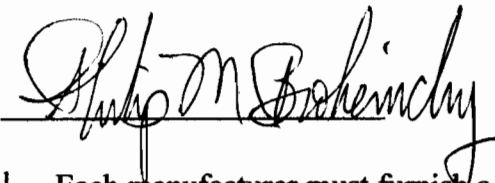
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Telephone Number: 785-238-7575\_ Fax No.: 785-238-4992

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Philip M. Brokenicky, President

Signed:

  
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<sup>1</sup> Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov).

**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:** 1997-2003 **Model(s):** Fifth Wheels

Custom Built for each customer and Travel Trailers custom built for each customer

**Production Dates: Beginning:** April 5, 1997 **Ending:** May 31, 2003

**VIN Range: Beginning:** 1H9TT2729V1184281 **Ending:** 1H9FW342541184608

**Vehicle Type:** RV **Bodystyle:** Fifth Wheel Trailers and Travel Trailers

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

Recalled units had 2 door Dometic Refrigerators. Dometic issued a recall for the refrigerators

Produced between April 1997 and May 2003

**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 Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period. 100%**

**II. Identify the Recall Population**

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

<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</b>
Fifth Wheel Trailers & Travel Trailers	1997-2003	327
Custom built for each customer		

**Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall:** 327

**4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance:** Dometic indicates less than one per cent

**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 Dometic Corp on February 15, 2007 that they were issuing a recall for refrigerators that were shipped by them from April, 1997 thru May, 2003. We then searched our production records for units we manufactured between April 1, 1997 and May31, 2003. We included all units that we manufactured between the above dates and furnished a list to Dometics Agent, Stericycle, of all VIN and customer contact information that we had in our files.

Since were a factory direct seller of the RV's that we manufacture, we had no dealers to notify and we determined based upon the dates involved in the recall that we did not have any of the effected Refrigerators in our inventory.

**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.**

Dometic Corporation

PO Box 490

Elkhart, Indiana 46515

**Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:**  
Patrick N. McConnell, Director of Engineering, Product Safety and Standards

**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 Dometic 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.**

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**V. Identify the Remedy**

**8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.**

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**9. 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**

**10. 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**

**11. 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) or by E-Mail to [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov) for review prior to mailing.***

**Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.**

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