

Guide for Vehicles

PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance

Responsibility and Reports

On April the 11th, 2008, Sport Trailers [MFR] decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety 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 22, 2008

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

Dometic Recall

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.

Sport Trailers

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

Kenneth Kormilo

Owner (Sole Proprietor)

Telephone Number: (909) 888-5003 Fax No.: (909) 888-0133

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Michael Roe

Consulting Associate

Signed: 

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): Sport Trailer Model Years Involved: 1997 Model(s): 32 FT

Production Dates: Beginning: March of 1997 Ending: April of 1997

VIN Range: Beginning: Only One Unit 1S9ES3639V Ending: only one unit.

Vehicle Type: Utility Bodystyle: Tongue Trailer

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

The VIN and the original DMV registered owner

Make(s): Sport Trailer Shop Use Only. Dometic MODEL YEAR 1999. Was disposed of when cooling unit leaked refrigerant. Was never installed in a vehicle. Model Years Not Applicable. Involved: 1999 Model(s): N/A

Production Dates: Beginning: 1999 Ending: 1999

VIN Range: Beginning: Not installed in a vehicle. Ending: N/A

Vehicle Type: N/A Bodystyle: N/A

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

Not installed in a vehicle.

Make(s): Sport Trailer Model Years Involved: 2000 Model(s): 28 FT

Production Dates: Beginning: 2000 Ending: 2000

VIN Range: Beginning: Only One Unit 1S9ES3235Y. Ending: only one unit.

Vehicle Type: Utility Bodystyle: Tongue Trailer

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

The VIN and the original DMV registered owner

Make(s): Sport Trailer Model Years Involved: 2002 Model(s): 28 FT

Production Dates: Beginning: 2002 Ending: 2002

VIN Range: Beginning: Only One Unit 1S9ES32372 Ending: only one unit.

Vehicle Type: Utility Bodystyle: Tongue Trailer

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from

those model vehicles not included in the recall:

The VIN and the original DMV registered owner

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. 1%

II. Identify the Recall Population

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

<u>Vehicles</u> <u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Potentially</u>
<u>Involved</u>		
<u>Sport Trailer 32 FT</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Sport Trailer 28 FT</u>	<u>2000</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Sport Trailer 28 FT</u>	<u>2002</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>_____</u>		
<u>_____</u>		
<u>_____</u>		
<u>_____</u>		

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: _____ 3

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 1 %

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:

Letter defining recall from DOT NHTSA dated 04/03/2008.

Second copy of non-received recall letter from DOT NHTSA dated 08/20/2007 and with this copy there

was a copy of Dometic's POTENTIAL DEFECT NOTIFICATION dated 08/28/2006.

These letters

indicated that Sport Trailers had purchased four recall units. Sport Trailers contacted Dometic to receive

information regarding models and purchase dates relative to this recall. Information was supplied to Sport Trailers

on 04/10/2008. The Sport Trailer VIN's that the Dometic refrigerators were installed in were researched by sales invoices.

The Dometic model information and Sport Trailer VIN information along with DMV registered owner information

was e-mailed to DOT NHTSA in letter form on 04/11/2008. There are only three vehicles that have defective refrigerators.

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.

According to Dometic the refrigerant piping may develop a fatigue crack in the boiler tube. The leaking ammonia may catch on fire and cause a fire on the back side of the refrigerator. This fire will cause a fire to the cabinet that the refrigerator is installed in. The fire could spread throughout the trailer.

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

Dometic states the cause is fatigue to the boiler tube which allows ammonia based refrigerant to leak out.

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

The defective leaking tube may cause a fire.

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

Do Not Operate refrigerator. Leaking refrigerant may not always be visible due to tubing location.

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

509 South Poplar Street

LaGrange, IN 46761

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

Mr. Patrick N. McConnel, Director 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.

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.

The only events in regards to this recall are letters of notification from DOT NHTSA and Dometic received

just before or on 04/10/2008. No defect units or fires were observed by Sport Trailers.

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.

The Recall Program for the involved Dometic Refrigerators is being managed by Dometic Corporation.

Sport Trailers is mailing a letter to the three vehicle owners to inform them about the Dometic Recall.

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.

To remedy the recall issue, Dometic will direct the refrigerator customer to repair facility locations in the customers area.

The customer will contact one of the facilities and make an appointment for repair. Repair parts will be sent to the repair facility for installation. The inspection and repair will be paid for by Dometic Corporation directly to the Repair Center that performs the work. The customer will not have to pay for the repair material or repair labor for this recall issue.

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

The recall remedy components will be supplied by Dometic Corporation. Sport Trailers will not be fabricating or installing these parts.

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.

Sport Trailers doesn't have any of the Dometic recall units in our production mix. No Dometic refrigerators were repaired at our manufacturing facility.

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.

Written letters will be mailed to DOT NHTSA, Dometic, and our three customers during the last week of April, not to exceed the 30th of April 2008.

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 for review prior to mailing.*

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

The letter will inform our trailer owners to contact:

Dometic Corporation-Recall Inquires

1-888-446-5157 (ask for a Call Center Agent)

2670 Executive Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46241

Sport Trailers doesn't have a reimbursement plan. Dometic is arranging the vehicle inspection and refrigerator repair. Dometic states that they will cover reimbursements and cost of all repairs relative to the recall issue only.

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e-mail sporttrailers@verizon.net**

DOT NHTSA Identification Number **EQ06-019**
Office of Defect Investigation/Recall Management
George H. Person and Richard Willard
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590
877-536-8388 Ext. 66544

April 11, 2008

Dear Richard,

Pursuant to your letter dated April 3, 2008, identification number NVS-215RW EQ06-019, Sport Trailers has acquired the following information in regards in the Dometic refrigerators noted in their POTENTIAL DEFECT NOTIFICATION letter dated August 28, 2006.

We have purchased and installed only four defective refrigerators as indicated in your letter dated August 20, 2007. The following information indicates the appliance year and model, trailer model, and VIN of the trailer we installed the refrigerators on:

1. Dometic 1997 Model RM 2652 Sport Model 32 FT Trailer VIN 1S9ES3639V
Original DMV 04/04/1997

2. Dometic 1999 Model RM 2652 Sport Trailers Personal Use Only

Used on property location until refrigerant leaked out. No fire occurred.
Unit was disposed of to City Recycling
1224 Mt. Vernon Ave.
Colton, CA 92324

3. Dometic 2000 Model RM 3863 Sport Model 28 FT Trailer VIN 1S9ES3235Y

Original and Current DMV 01/17/2000

4. Dometic 2002 Model RM 2852 Sport Model 28 FT Trailer VIN 1S9ES32372

Original DMV 11/25/2002

We will be contacting DMV the week of the 14th in search of current DMV trailer owners. We will submit a letter to the current trailer owners as soon as we receive the correct information. The letter will inform them about the Dometic Refrigerator defect and will notify them to contact Dometic in regards to NVS-215RW EQ06-019 at:

Engineering, Product Safety and Standards
Dometic Corporation
509 South Poplar Street
LaGrange, IN. 46781
(206) 463-2191


OR

Dometic Corporation - Recall Inquires Center
2670 Executive Drive
Indianapolis, IN 46241
1-888-446-5157 (ask for a Call Center Agent)

We will be sending a copy of this letter the Dometic Corporation to inform them of our action taken to resolve this issue. We will also send a letter to our three vehicle customers informing them to contact the Dometic Recall Inquires Center.

Thank you for your assistance,
Sincerely,

Ken Kormilo
Owner



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Mr. Patrick N. McConnell, Director Identification Number EQ06-019
Engineering, Product Safety and Standards
Dometic Corporation
509 South Poplar Street
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1-260-463-2191 or 1-877-898-7091

April 22, 2008

Dear Patrick,

Pursuant to DOT-NHTSA letter dated August 20, 2007, identification number NVS-215RW EQ06-019, Sport Trailers has acquired the following information in regards to the Dometic refrigerators noted in your POTENTIAL DEFECT NOTIFICATION letter dated August 28, 2006.

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DOT-NHTSA Identification Number EQ06-019

April 25, 2008

Dear

This letter is to inform several of our valued Sport Trailers Customers about a Dometic refrigerator recall. Your trailer was originally built with a Dometic Recall Appliance.

Sport Trailers was informed earlier this month by DOT-NHTSA in letter dated April 03, 2008, identification number NVS-215RW EQ06-019, that several Dometic refrigerators are being recalled. Enclosed in the DOT-NHTSA letter was a copy of the original letter from Dometic Corporation about the POTENTIAL DEFECT NOTIFICATION.

Sport Trailers is mailing this letter as a warning notice and information notice about this recall. Please Do Not use your Dometic refrigerator until it has been inspected and repaired by a Dometic approved repair facility. Dometic states that there may be the possibility of a fire if the refrigerant leaks out of a fatigue crack in the boiler tube. The following information indicates the appliance year and model, trailer model, and VIN of your trailer.

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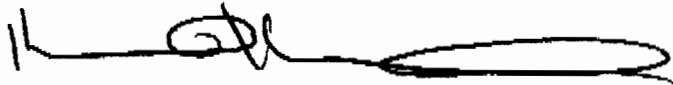
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If you have sold your trailer and the vehicle is no longer registered to you, please contact Sport Trailers and let us know when the vehicle was sold. Any information about the owner will be deeply appreciated. I realize this letter is serious stuff, but the important thing is all about safety. Please call me if you have any questions or just want to say hello, I'm here for your support.

Thank you,
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