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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

08V-233
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Re: Damon Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Damon has been notified by Freightliner concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between February 14, 2005 and May 17, 2006 inclusive. Freightliner has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 07V-570 to the Freightliner recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain motorhomes manufactured by Damon were built with Freightliner chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Freightliner has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. Damon will provide Freightliner with a list of dealers and owners to assist Freightliner in remedying the defect. Freightliner will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Freightliner have been used on the following motorhomes:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Models</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Astoria	3595, 3679, 3465, 3579, 3773	2005, 2006, 2007
Astoria Waldorf	3595, 3679	2005
Astoria Pacific	3595, 3679, 3465, 3579, 3773, 3774	2006, 2007
Tuscany	3974, 4072, 4074, 4075, 4076, 4077	2005, 2006, 2007

These motorhomes were manufactured between March 11, 2005 and April 3, 2007.

The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 738.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain steering filters that can plug due to failure of the screen adhesion to the filter housing causing a rise in return

line pressure potentially leading to a hose separation from the filter or steering gear fitting resulting in a sudden loss of steering fluid and power assist. Sudden loss of steering assist without warning involving a motorhome could be a problem for certain drivers and could lead to a vehicle crash.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Damon received notification from Freightliner on April 21, 2008 that the defect with the chassis exists.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Freightliner in connection with recall campaign 07V-570, Freightliner will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Freightliner in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Freightliner. Freightliner will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 07V-570. Freightliner has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Freightliner will notify the owner's of the motorhomes on behalf of Damon. A copy of the owner's notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Freightliner will notify the Dealer's of the motorhomes on behalf of Damon. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 07V-570. Because the information included by Freightliner in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Damon motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Damon will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- H. Campaign Number. Damon does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Damon will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Damon with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Damon in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363 or Damon at 800-860-5658.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager