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June 3, 2008

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Smith,

Foretravel Motorcoach has been notified by Norcold that there is a potential safety-related defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified Norcold Refrigerators, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at 936-564-8367.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Mark Harvey', written over the printed name and title.

Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty

Enclosure

Defect Information Report

1. Manufacturer's name/address

The manufacturer of the vehicles covered by this Report is:

Foretravel Motorcoach
1221 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, Texas 75964

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with **1200LR and 1200LRIM Refrigerators** manufactured by Norcold Corporation built from December 1, 1996 to February 28, 2001. The subject Foretravel vehicle models are as follows:

1998 Year model – U320 – 1 Coach Total
1999 Year model – U320 – 1 Coach Total
2001 Year model – U320 – 1 Coach Total

A complete listing of the subject vehicles are attached in Appendix A.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 3.

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on the information received from Norcold... Foretravel estimates that all of the vehicles in the recall population actually contain the potential defect.

5. Description of Defect:

The nature of the defect is a fatigue failure in the section of the cooling unit which contains the refrigerant. This fatigue failure could allow the liquid solution to slowly leak from the cooling unit. If a leak occurs and the refrigerator continues to be operated after solution circulation has ceased the heat source could generate very high temperatures. At such high temperatures the steel material of the cooling unit could soften and rupture. If refrigerant gas is still in place when the rupture occurs Hydrogen gas may be expelled and could be ignited by the high temperature, possibly causing a fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Norcold advised Foretravel of its defect determination by letter May 27, 2008. To date, Foretravel is not aware of any injuries or fatalities in its vehicles related to this potential defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Foretravel has voluntarily decided to submit this defect report and at NHTSA advisement conduct this recall as necessary.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Foretravel will assist Norcold in every way possible to remedy this potential defect. This includes assisting Norcold in notifying Foretravel dealers by certified letter and customer notification.

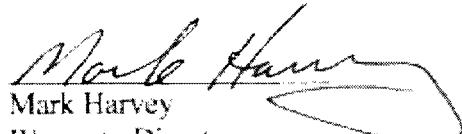
Owner notification is expected to begin July, 2008.

Cooling units that indicate no signs of leakage will be retrofitted with a Thermal Switch Kit provided by Norcold however if a cooling unit does indicate signs of leaking, then the cooling unit must be replaced.

All parts and the labor to inspect and install will be at no charge to the consumer.

8. Customer/owner notifications.

According to information we have to date it is estimated customer notifications will begin in July 2008.


Mark Harvey
Warranty Director

Appendix A

Unit #	VIN #	Refrigerator Serial #
5307	1F97D5409WN	474041
5458	1F98D5429XN	921027
5831	1F98D54071N	872903