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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Associate Administrator:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Monaco Coach Corporation ("Monaco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a safety recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c)(2)

The affected vehicles will be determined at a later date.

The build date range of the affected vehicles will be determined at a later date.

573.6(c)(3)

The total recall population will be determined at a later date. The breakdown of the population for the United States and Canada will be determined at a later date.

573.6(c)(4)

Monaco has determined that each vehicle in the recall population will require inspection to determine if it is still equipped with an affected refrigerator and cooling unit.

The recall population will be determined from the manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing facilities which produced the affected vehicles.

573.6(c)(5)

Monaco originally submitted a Part 573 concerning a safety recall on specific Norcold, Inc. ("Norcold") refrigerators in May of 2003 which NHTSA assigned recall campaign 03V166000. This recall addressed a potential fatigue failure in cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold refrigerator model numbers 1200LR and 1200LRIM built from December 1, 1996 to February 28, 1999. Monaco was advised by Norcold that they have determined that this separate recall should extend to include cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 1999 to February 28, 2001. Each cooling unit under this extension has a serial number between 1008701 and 1273700, non-consecutively.

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.

573.6(c)(6)

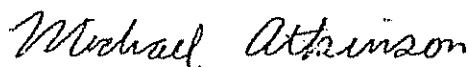
On May 30, 2008 Monaco received a certified letter from Norcold notifying Monaco of the new extended recall. Monaco is currently not aware of any casualties or losses related to this issue.

573.6(c)(8)

Monaco will be sending a notification letter to all current owners of vehicles in the recall population. The remedy will be retrofitting the cooling unit of the refrigerator with a Thermal Switch Kit if there are no signs of the cooling unit leaking. However, if the cooling unit does indicate signs of leaking, then it must be replaced. These are from the recommended repair procedures of Norcold. This repair will be performed for the owner at no charge.

Copies of the drafts of owner and dealer notification letters will be supplied in the future for your approval. Repair instructions and final owner and dealer notification letters will be provided pending approval and recall number. The Company expects owner and dealer notification to begin as soon as the scope is compiled.

Sincerely,



Michael Atkinson
Recall Administrator
Monaco Coach Corporation