

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On June, 2008, Domestic [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: 6.23.08

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

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.

FOREST RIVER INC
PO Box 3030, Elkhart, IN 46515-3030

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

Kim Dobson
NATIONAL Warranty Manager

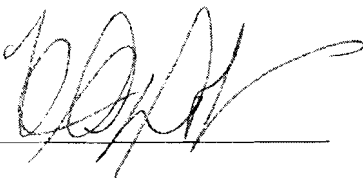
Telephone Number: 269 432 3246 Fax No.: 866 432 2114

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report

Kim A. DOBSON
NATIONAL WARRANTY MANAGER

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Signed:



¹ 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.

June 23, 2008

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

Re: Defect Information Report; Certain Palomino Travel Trailers Equipped with
RM2652 Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation.

Dear Mr. Smith,

Palomino RV, a Division of Forest River Inc., has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain refrigerators installed as original equipment in some Palomino recreational vehicles may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety because they may experience a leak of pressurized coolant solution which can result in a vehicle fire under certain specific circumstances. On the basis of that Dometic determination, Palomino RV has decided that there may be a potential safety defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified 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 me at 269-432-3246 or email me at kdobson@palominorv.com.

Sincerely,

Kim A Dobson
National Warranty Manager
Palomino RV

Defect Information Report

1. Manufacturer's name/Address

The manufacturers of the vehicles covered by this Report are:

Vanguard LLC (Out of Business)
1047 East Hwy M86
Colon, MI 49040

Palomino RV (A Division of Forest River Inc.)
1047 East Hwy M86
Colon, MI 49040

2. Vehicles Involved

The vehicles covered by this Report are recreational vehicles that were equipped with the RM2652 model refrigerators manufactured by Dometic Corporation between June 2003 and September 2006. The vehicle models in question are as follows:

2003 - 2006 Palomino Stampede and Thoroughbred Travel Trailers

3. Total Number of Vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 3780.

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

Based on the information received from Dometic, Palomino RV believes that approximately .005 percent of these vehicles may contain the defect.

5. Description of Defect:

Under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Dometic advised Palomino RV of its defect determination by recall notice sometime in late June 2008. Palomino RV is not aware of any fires in its vehicles related to this defect, nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Palomino RV decided to submit this defect report.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Dometic has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Palomino RV vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. See Dometic Recall No. 08E-032. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Dometic will reimburse them if they have incurred costs to obtain a remedy for a refrigerator containing such a defect prior to their receipt of the notification.

Kim A Dobson
National Warranty Manager
Palomino RV