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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-391
(2 Pages)

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 July 1, 2007 and October 9, 2007 inclusive. Freightliner has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 08V-269 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	3679, 3776	2008
Astoria Pacific	3770, 3772, 3776, 3786	2008, 2009
Tuscany	4054, 4055, 4056, 4072, 4076	2008
Essence	40A	2008

These motorhomes were manufactured between August 2007 and July 2008.
The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 179.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain SAF Holland ADL and ADLSD suspensions that contain a safety defect. The transverse beam weld on the suspension may be improperly located allowing the transverse beam to separate from the suspension casting. If the welds fail, vehicle stability could be

affected resulting in loss of vehicle control. In addition, the transverse beam could drop to the ground causing sparks that could cause a fire hazard.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Damon received notification from Freightliner on June 27, 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 08V-269, 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 08V-269. 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 was submitted with recall 08V-269.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Freightliner will notify the Dealer's of the motorhomes on behalf of Damon. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter was submitted with recall 08V-269.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 08V-269. 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 1-800-860-3812.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager