

**08V-481
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September 26, 2008

Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Part # 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report – Viking Recreational Vehicles, LLC.
– Vehicle Certification Label (Part # 567.4) and Tire Information Label (FMVSS 110).

Dear Mr. Person;

Viking Recreational Vehicles, LLC (Viking RV) has determined that a noncompliance with the certification label requirements in Part # 567.4 and the labeling requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110 exists in certain 2008 MY Epic camping trailers, model number 2108ST, and 2008 MY Sport camping trailers, model number 108ST. The affected vehicles were manufactured by Viking RV between August 2, 2007 and June 10, 2008.

A total of 141 trailers are affected by this noncompliance.

DESCRIPTION OF NONCOMPLIANCE

On the affected units, the information provided on the certification and tire information labels denoting the tire size and pressure is incorrect. The labels applied to the vehicles show the tire size as 4.80 X 12.00, and the inflation pressure as 90 psi. **The tires actually installed on these vehicles are ST175/80D13, are rated for maximum load at 65 psi, and are the correct tires for the GAWR and GVWR ratings of these trailers.**

DISCOVERY OF THE NONCOMPLIANCE

The noncompliance was discovered during an internal engineering review of the upcoming 2009MY version of these products. It was further verified that the correct tire size has been installed on these trailers and the discrepancy was in the information provided to produce the labels.

PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT

The data base file used for printing the certification and tire information labels for these units has been changed to reflect the correct information.

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RECALL MGMT DIV.

Viking RV will supply the necessary instructions and materials required to replace the noncompliant labels. The remedy will be done by Viking RV dealers at no expense to the dealers or the retail customers.

All purchasers and dealerships who receive these units with the noncompliance will be advised by mail regarding these problems. A draft copy of the proposed owners' notification letter is attached for your review and approval. We can mail these letters and begin providing the recall remedy within 5 days of your approval.

Very Truly Yours,

VIKING RECREATIONAL VEHICLES, LLC

Gary L. Duncan

Cc: Michael Terlep, Jr. – Coachmen RV Group
Gar Warlick – Viking Recreational Vehicles, LLC

October XX, 2008

Dear Viking Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Viking RV has decided that certain 2008 Epic camping trailers, model number 2108ST and 2008 Sport camping trailers, model number 108ST fail to comply with requirements of Part 567, "Certification", and Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 110, "Tire Selection and Rims". The information provided on the certification and tire information labels denoting the tire size and pressure is incorrect.

DESCRIPTION OF NONCOMPLIANCE

On affected units, the information provided on the certification and tire information labels denoting the tire size and pressure is incorrect. The labels applied to the vehicles show the tire size as 4.80 X 12.00 and the pressure as 90 PSI. **The tires that were actually installed on these vehicles are ST175/80D13 and are the correct tires** with the correct pressure rating for the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) and Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR) ratings of these trailers.

REMEDY

PLEASE TAKE YOUR UNIT PROMPTLY TO YOUR VIKING DEALER. At no charge to you, the dealer will replace the certification and tire information labels with the correct labels. The required procedure should not take more than fifteen (15) minutes.

CHANGED ADDRESS OR SOLD THE VEHICLE?

Please fill out the enclosed pre-paid postcard and mail it to us if you have changed your address or sold the vehicle. Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If your dealer does not make the required procedure promptly and without charge, you may contact Viking Customer Service at 1-800-368-2829. You also may contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

We regret the inconvenience this situation may have caused you. However, Viking RV Company believes in the early detection and immediate correction of compliance issues. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

VIKING RV COMPANY