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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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-562
(2 pages)**

Re: Damon Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Damon has been notified by Workhorse Custom Chassis concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between May 10, 2005 and May 8, 2008 inclusive. Workhorse Custom Chassis has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 08V-442 to the Workhorse Custom Chassis 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 Workhorse Custom Chassis chassis that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Workhorse Custom Chassis has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. Damon will provide Workhorse Custom Chassis with a list of dealers and owners to assist Workhorse Custom Chassis in remedying the defect. Workhorse Custom Chassis will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Workhorse Custom Chassis have been used on the following motorhomes:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Models</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Daybreak	3272, 3270, 3070	2006, 2007, 2008, 2009
Daybreak Sport	3204, 3211	2009

These motorhomes were manufactured between March 2006 and August 2008. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 43. 33 of these motorhomes were exported outside of the US.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain castle nuts that retain the steering drag link to the pitman arm that may have been improperly torqued during assembly. If the drag link were to separate from the pitman arm, the driver

- would not have directional control of the vehicle possibly causing a crash and potentially resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Damon received notification from Workhorse Custom Chassis in October 2008 that the defect with the chassis exists.
 - D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Workhorse Custom Chassis in connection with recall campaign 08V-442, Workhorse Custom Chassis will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Workhorse Custom Chassis in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Workhorse Custom Chassis. Workhorse Custom Chassis will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 08V-442. Workhorse Custom Chassis has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
 - E. Owner Notifications. Workhorse Custom Chassis 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-442.
 - F. Dealer Notifications. Workhorse Custom Chassis 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-442.
 - G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Workhorse Custom Chassis will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 08V-442. Because the information included by Workhorse Custom Chassis 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 800-860-3812.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager