



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-237

SUBJECT: REFRIGERATOR EXHAUST

DEAR MR. JAMES:

This letter serves to acknowledge Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
FLEETWOOD/BOUNDER/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-237

Mfg's Report Date: June 23, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: LPG SYSTEMS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 683

Summary:

FLEETWOOD IS RECALLING 683 MY 2005-2006 BOUNDER 35E CLASS A MOTOR HOMES WHEN THE REFRIGERATOR IS OPERATED IN THE LPG MODE, THE REFRIGERATOR EXHAUST MAY VENT INTO THE INTERIOR OF THE REFRIGERATOR CABINET RATHER THAN EXHAUST TO THE EXTERIOR THROUGH A VENT FOR THAT PURPOSE.

Consequence:

THE HOT EXHAUST MAY RESULT IN HEAT DAMAGE TO THE INTERIOR OF THE REFRIGERATOR CABINET AND COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE REFRIGERATOR CABINET AND INSTALL A BAFFLE IN THE REAR OF THE REFRIGERATOR CABINET TO DIVERT THE HOT EXHAUST TO THE EXTERIOR VENT. THE REMEDY WILL PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FLEETWOOD MOTOR HOMES AT 1-800-509-3418.

Notes:

FLEETWOOD RECALL NO. 90616. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577, however we are withholding final approval of this letter pending the determination of whether or not carbon monoxide gas would be released into the passenger compartment as asked by George Person on June 30, 2009. In the event that is the case, that possibility must be mentioned in the letter as one of the risks resulting from the defect.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement