



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

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NVS-215kjs
09V-356

SUBJECT: BURNER STOVE FIRE

DEAR MR. COLLINS:

This letter serves to acknowledge Columbia Northwest, Inc.'s (Columbia Northwest) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a defect in the vehicles listed below for which a safety recall campaign will 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:

COLUMBIA/ALINER CLASSIC/2009-2010
COLUMBIA/ALINER ST-1/2009-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-356 **Mfg's Report Date:** September 12, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 102

Summary:

COLUMBIA NORTHWEST IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 AND 2010 CAMPING TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN JANUARY AND AUGUST 2009 EQUIPPED WITH THE "IN-OUT 2-BURNER STOVE". UNDER EXTENDED USE, A PROPANE HOSE FITTING MAY FAIL AND LEAK.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE HOSE FITTING COULD CAUSE A FIRE IN THE STOVE HOUSING INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

COLUMBIA NORTHWEST WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL EITHER REPLACE THE ENTIRE PORTABLE IN-OUT 2-BURNER STOVE OR REPLACE THE INTERNAL COMPONENT FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COLUMBIA NORTHWEST AT 1-724-423-7440.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY 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 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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