



TRIPLE E RECREATIONAL VEHICLES
A DIVISION OF TRIPLE E CANADA LTD.

P.O. Box 1230 Winkler MB,
Canada R6W 4C4
PHONE: (204) 325-4361
FAX: (204) 325-5241

tripleerv.com

February 24, 2009

09V-089
(14 Pages)

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

E-mail: RMD.ODI@dot.gov

Re: Defect Information Report: Vehicles Equipped with
Certain Refrigerators Manufactured by Dometic Corporation

Re: Recall No. 08E-032

Triple E Recreational Vehicles has been advised by Dometic Corporation that certain Dometic refrigerators installed as original equipment in some of Triple E RV's recreational vehicles may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety because they may experience a leak of pressurized coolant solution which can result in a vehicle fire under certain specific circumstances. Empress, Signature, Commander, Embassy, Regency, Regency GT and Topaz models may be affected with the recalled refrigerators. On the basis of that Dometic determination, Triple E RV has decided that there may be a potential safety defect in its vehicles equipped with the identified refrigerators, and we are therefore submitting the enclosed Defect Information Report pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Brad Wall
Customer Relations/Warranty Manager

BW/wcw

Attachments

2009 MAR 19 A 10 25
RECEIVED

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports¹

On Feb. 24, 2009, _____ [MFR] decided that (a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety)(a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. _____) exists in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports.

Date this report was prepared: February 24/2009

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): 08E-032

1. Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.

Triple E RV

Box 1230 Winkler, MB R6W 4C4

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

Brad Wall - Customer Relations/Warranty Manager

Telephone Number: 204-325-4361 Fax No.: 204-325-5241

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Brad Wall

Customer Relations/Warranty Manager

Signed:

¹ Each manufacturer must furnish a report, to the Associate Administrator for Enforcement, for each defect or noncompliance condition which relates to motor vehicle safety.

This guide was developed from 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports" and also outlines information currently requested. Any questions, please consult the complete Part 573 or contact Mr. George Person at (202) 366-5210, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Empress **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2006 **Model(s):** A3851GB/A3852FB/A3853FB/A3902FB/A3903FGB/A3904FGB/A4002FB
Production Dates: **Beginning:** June/2004 **Ending:** Sept./2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Class A **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): Signature **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2006 **Model(s):** A3802FB/A3619FB/A3803FGB/

Production Dates: Beginning: June/2006 **Ending:** Sept/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: Class A **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): Commander **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2006 **Model(s):** A3202FB/A3509FB/A3601FB/A3711FWB/A3712FGB/A3519FB/A3611FB/

Production Dates: Beginning June/2004 **Ending:** Sept/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: Class A **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Embassy **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2006 **Model(s):** A30G/A34F/A35FW/A36FB/A371FB/

Production Dates: Beginning: June/2004 **Ending:** Sept/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Class A **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): Regency **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2006 **Model(s):** C28/C30G

Production Dates: Beginning: June/2004 **Ending:** Sept/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Class C **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): Regency GT **Model Years Involved:** 2004-2006 **Model(s):** GT24DS/GT27S

Production Dates: Beginning: June/2004 **Ending:** Sept/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ **Ending:** _____

Vehicle Type: Class C **Bodystyle:** _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make(s): Topaz Model Years Involved: 2004-2006 Model(s): T262SS/F251SS/F251SSLE/F253SF/
F253SFLE/F254SS/FS270LE/
FS305RL/FS305RLTE/FS321RL

Production Dates: Beginning: June/2004 Ending: Sept/2006

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: Towable Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Make(s): _____ Model Years Involved: _____ Model(s): _____

Production Dates: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

VIN Range: Beginning: _____ Ending: _____

Vehicle Type: _____ Bodystyle: _____

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall:

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

Model	Year	Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved
--------------	-------------	--

As per attached

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: _____

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: _____

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined—in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles:

as per Dometic Recall 08E-032

II. IDENTIFY THE RECALL POPULATION

MODEL	YEAR	# OF VEHICLES POTENTIALLY INVOLVED
EMPRESS	2004	6
	2005	2
	2006	3
	2007	
SIGNATURE	2004	5
	2005	3
	2007	
COMMANDER	2004	3
	2005	6
	2006	2
	2007	
EMBASSY	2004	4
	2005	1
	2006	2
	2007	
REGENCY	2004	2
	2005	4
	2006	1
	2007	
REGENCY GT	2005	1
	2006	6
	2007	
TOPAZ	2004	2
	2005	3
	2006	8
	2007	

TOTAL NUMBER POTENTIALLY AFFECTED BY THE RECALL

64 EXPORTED INTO U.S.A.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and physical location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier:

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.
7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchasers and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between the recall condition and the remedy.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

VI. Identify the Recall Schedule

10. Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

As per Dometic Recall 08E-032

VII. Furnish Recall Communications

11. Furnish a final copy of all notices, bulletins, and other communications that relate directly to the defect or noncompliance and which are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, or purchaser. This includes all communications (including both original and follow-up) concerning this recall from the time your company determines the defect or noncompliance condition on, not just the initial notification. A DRAFT copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by Fax (202-366-7882) or by E-Mail to RMD.ODI@dot.gov for review prior to mailing.

Note that these documents are to be submitted separately from those provided in accordance with Part 579.5 requirements.

OEM NOTIFICATION: Dometic Voluntarily Expands Refrigerator Recall



Dear Valued Customer:

IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION
PLEASE RESPOND IMMEDIATELY
RECALL CAMPAIGN NO. 08E-032

I am writing to inform you of a voluntary recall campaign with respect to a potential safety-related defect in certain two door refrigerator units manufactured by Dometic, LLC ("Dometic") between June 1, 2003 and September 30, 2006 and to advise you of what Dometic will do and what you should do with respect to this recall. This is an expansion of Dometic's previous recall, announced in August of 2006.

Dometic has created a program that minimizes the strain on your organization's resources and personnel, minimizes your administrative costs, and creates a closed-loop data flow. We have retained recall expert Stericycle Incorporated ("Stericycle") to assist involved original equipment manufacturers in this campaign if they make the election, all at Dometic's cost. Information regarding Stericycle is enclosed with this letter (Enclosure No. 1). Information regarding this election is set forth below.

COVERED PRODUCTS

The following is a list of the specific model numbers of the refrigerators covered by this recall. Our records indicate that some of those refrigerators may have been installed as original equipment in recreational vehicles manufactured and sold by your company. See the instructions for finding the serial number of the fridge on the lower right corner of this page.

The refrigerators being recalled have one of the following model numbers as well as one of the following serial numbers:

MODEL NUMBERS:

NDR1062, RM2652, RM2662, RM2663, RM2852
RM2862, RM3662, RM3663, RM3862

SERIAL NUMBERS:

320xxxxx through 352xxxxx 401xxxxx through 452xxxxx
501xxxxx through 552xxxxx 601xxxxx through 639xxxxx

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION:

After some period of use, a fatigue crack may develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators that may release a sufficient amount of pressurized coolant solution into an area where an ignition source may be present. Potential ignition sources in this area include the refrigerator's propane burner and/or electric heating element. If this were to occur under certain conditions, the coolant could ignite and result in a fire. On the basis of these facts, Dometic has determined that the refrigerators may contain a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety. We have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of this determination, and we will be conducting a recall of the covered items pursuant to Campaign No. 08E-032. To access Dometic's original NHTSA notification, you can view or print a copy at www-odi.nhtsa.dot.gov/recalls/recallsearch.cfm. Type in 08E032 in the campaign # search box, then click on "Document Search."

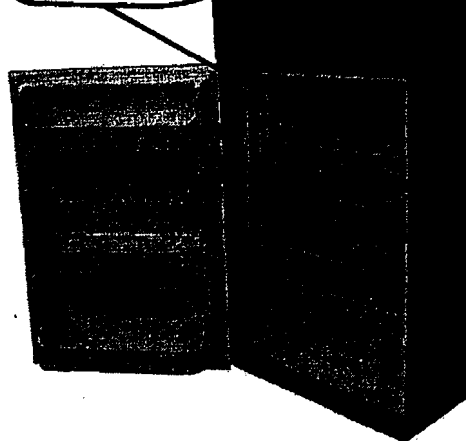
WHAT WE WILL DO:

Dometic will offer to provide owners of all covered refrigerators a rework for the potential defect at no charge for parts or labor. The kit is available now. The rework consists of a secondary burner housing, a thermal fuse and a melt fuse. A Data Collection card will be included with each kit. The installer will fill out the card and drop it in the mail. This ensures prompt payment for the installer, and a closed information loop for both Dometic and the OEM. However, as explained below, we will need your assistance in identifying the current owners of the vehicles in question.

Where to find the serial and model numbers on your Dometic refrigerator

The serial and model numbers are both located on a sticker inside the fridge door. It could be on either side of the interior.

Remember, the model number starts with RM or NDR, and the serial number is 8 digits long.



MORE INFORMATION ON BACK ►

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

First, if you have any new vehicles equipped with the covered refrigerators in your inventory, it is a violation of Federal law to sell them until you have implemented the rework.

Below is language provided to Dometic by NHTSA that is very important for you to read.

You Must Notify NHTSA & Conduct a Safety Recall:

According to our records, affected units were purchased by your company. If those units were installed as original equipment on vehicles manufactured at your facility, and you agree that they contain a safety defect, your company must notify the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) within 5 business days and conduct a safety recall of those vehicles. It is critical that the NHTSA guidelines are followed in a timely manner and that your customers are notified of the defect. Dometic recommends that the refrigerator be turned off or that if it must be used that it be operated on electricity, not gas. You may contact NHTSA with questions by sending an email to rmd.odi@dot.gov.

*To help you comply with your obligation to issue a safety recall of the vehicles that contain on affected refrigerator, we have attached samples of a dealer service bulletin and a sample letter to owners of potentially affected vehicles, along with a corresponding owner reply form, which should facilitate your notification to dealers and owners of the recall and the required repairs and service procedures. Although we have provided these samples to you for your convenience, you **MUST** submit drafts of your version of these notices to NHTSA for approval at least 5 days prior to mailing such notification to dealers and owners of potentially affected refrigerators.*

Important: Dealer notification by Certified Mail is required by Federal law for all safety recalls. Responsible dealership personnel should be instructed to sign for this certified mail without hesitation as it contains urgent safety recall information. Notifications to owners of potentially affected vehicles are by first class mail. Please be advised that the outside of each envelope containing an owner notification letter must be marked "SAFETY RECALL NOTICE" all in capital letters and in type that is larger than that used in the address section. A sample of the envelope must be submitted to NHTSA for approval at least 15 days before mailing to owners.

IMPORTANT: Some of the vehicles affected may still be in your inventory. Federal law requires you to complete the recall service on these vehicles before delivery. Dometic will provide replacement or repair for these units prior to delivery to your customers.

For your convenience, Dometic has enclosed a sample NHTSA report and cover sheet (Enclosure No. 3). If any of your vehicles with these refrigerators were sold in Canada, you should also submit a similar report to Transport Canada.

Dometic recognizes that product recalls can put a strain on an organization's resources and personnel, and that your company may not have much, or any, experience in conducting vehicle recalls. Therefore, as authorized by NHTSA Regulations, Dometic is offering – at no charge – to manage the administration of the forthcoming recall as it applies to the vehicles manufactured by each of our OEM customers.

We recommend that you authorize Stericycle to assist you in conducting the recall of your vehicles – including, but not limited to, the notification of vehicle owners, the implementation of the rework program, the maintenance of relevant records and assistance to the manufacturer in preparing its reports for NHTSA – by checking the appropriate box on the Election Form (Enclosure No. 2) enclosed with this letter and returning it to Stericycle, the firm that Dometic has employed to help it conduct this recall, no later than (ten (10) days after date of letter). By authorizing Dometic/Stericycle to conduct the recall, you will not only not have to pay for what will be a large campaign, but you will also ensure a smooth flow of data collection integral to the effective completion of the recall. Additional information is included on the Election Form on how Stericycle and Dometic will take care of the recall campaign for you.

Whether you elect to have Dometic conduct the recall, or you intend to conduct it yourself, you will need to provide Stericycle with a list of the vehicle identification numbers (VIN) of all of your vehicles equipped with the covered Dometic refrigerators, as well as a list of the names and address of the purchasers of those vehicles, organized by VIN. This information will enable Dometic to assure notification of all affected owners. Please provide the vehicle information electronically as an Excel or text delimited file. If you are not certain whether a particular vehicle was equipped with one of the recalled refrigerators, please include it on your list, since

we would rather be over-inclusive than under-inclusive. We assure you that this list will be used only for the purposes of this recall. Please provide the list to Stericycle as soon as possible, but in any event no later than (ten (10) days after date of letter). Even if you decide to conduct the recall yourself, please complete and return the Election Form to Stericycle, so we will know how you have decided to proceed.

Please remember that regardless of which option you choose, you still are required to submit a Defect Information Report to NHTSA. If you have any questions about NHTSA requirements, you may contact Ms. Kelly Schuler of NHTSA's Recall Management Division at (202) 366-5227 or by e-mail at kelly.schuler@dot.gov.

If you have any other questions about this recall, please contact Brad Sargent at Dometic by telephone at (574) 294-2511, or by e-mail at brad.sargent@dometicusa.com.

We regret the inconvenience and effort that this recall will cause you. However, the safety of the users of our products is of paramount importance.

Sincerely,

Pat McConnell
Director of Engineering, Product Safety and Standards
Dometic, LLC

Enclosures: Enclosure No. 1 Stericycle Information
 Enclosure No. 2 Recall Management Election Form
 Enclosure No. 3 Sample Report

Recall 08E-032