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Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

09V-103

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to 49 CFR Part 573, Jayco, Inc. ("Jayco" or the "Company") is submitting this report to NHTSA concerning a recall campaign, which is being voluntarily initiated. Specific information is as follows:

573.6(c)(2)

Affected vehicles were manufactured between June 17, 2008 and November 5, 2008.

Model Year 2009 Jayco Legacy series 37RLSA and 36RLMS.

Jayco, Inc., the responsible manufacturer, determined the recall population from its manufacturing records.

573.6(c)(3)

A total of forty-six - (46) Jayco fifth-wheels are subject to this recall.
Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) are as follows:

2009 Legacy fifth wheels with a starting VIN of 1UJCJ02U099XE0016 and ending with 1UJCJ02U999XD0018.

573.6(c)(4)

Jayco is recalling 100 percent of the affected models of Jayco Legacy fifth-wheels identified in the scope.

573.6(c)(5)

Jayco has identified that there may be a missing ground wire between the trailer frame and the 12-volt bus bar. If this condition is not addressed, it may result in a fire, injury or death.

573.6(c)(6)

Jayco decided to conduct this recall following an internal investigation. Jayco is not aware of any injuries or accidents related to this issue.

Chronology of events which were the basis of Jayco's defect determination:

- February 25, 2009 - Jayco received an email from a Canadian dealer which included a digital photograph of the 12-volt DC buss bar showing evidence of overheating of the ground wire. This was the first and only complaint Jayco received regarding this situation. It was on a Jayco Legacy 32RLMS Fifth-wheel.
- March 5, 2009 - Requested research on unit serial numbers to identify the scope of possible affected units.
- March 9, 2009 - Electrical Engineer, Chief Corporate Engineer, Regulatory Compliance Manager, and Customer Service Manager looked at exemplar unit at Corporate Engineering office. At this time it was determined that a ground wire was missing.
- March 10, 2009 to March 22, 2009 - Calls were made to dealers requesting them to look at units built earlier and later than the unit for which we were emailed on February 25th. Other models were looked at to help understand the scope and the extent of the situation.
- March 23, 2009 - Scope of affected units was established after an examination of our manufacturing records, unit inspections, and employee interviews. We concluded that the condition affected every fifth-wheel built in our Entegra Coach facility in Wakarusa, Indiana from manufacturing startup until closure. Pursuant to the nature of this problem in concert with the potential for overheating wiring to lead to a fire, it was our conclusion that we should initiate a safety recall. We began drafting repair instructions, our Part 573 letter, Canadian defect notification letter, dealer letters, and retail-owner letters. Affected units were branded as Jayco, Starcraft RV, and Entegra Coach brands.
- March 26, 2009 - Jayco submitted the Part 573 letter to NHTSA.
- March 30, 2009 - Jayco submitted the Canadian defect notification letter to Transport Canada.
- April 7, 2009 - Jayco received the first warranty claim related to this situation on the Canadian unit for which we received the photograph on February 25th.

573.6(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected fifth-wheels is to install the appropriate ground wire.

Copies of the repair instructions, dealer notification letters, and owner letters will be provided to the agency within 10 business days. Jayco is contacting all dealers and retail owners of the affected vehicles. Upon notification Jayco is prepared to begin dealer notification within 5 business days after approval, and to owner's ten business days subsequent to dealer notification.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Joe Resil
Regulatory Compliance Manager
