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Roadtrek™® MOTORHOMES INC.

Thursday, July 9, 2009

VIA FACSIMILE AND COURIER

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590
FAX: 202-366-7882

Re: **Defect Information Report**

On July 6, 2009 Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc. concluded that a defect exists which relates to the installation of a brass Tee connector fitting on Chevrolet Roadtrek class "B" 170 Popular motorhomes built since August 26, 2008, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

1. Manufacturer: Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc.
(formerly Home & Park Motorhomes)
100 Shirley Ave.
Kitchener, ON N2B 2E1

Designated Agent: Joe Cecconi Sr.
Joe Cecconi's Chrysler Complex
2380 Military Road
Niagara Falls, NY, 13404

Manufacturer's Contact Person: Alex Nastasescu P.Eng.
Engineering Mgr.
Phone: 519-745-1169/1120
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Distributor of Defective Equipment: Fastenal Canada
860 Trillium Drive
Kitchener, ON N2R 1K4

2. Vehicles affected by this defect are 2009 class "B" Motorhomes, Roadtrek 17PC models, built on Chevrolet 2500 van chassis. (A complete list of VINs for units which may be affected is available)

3. A total of 23 vehicles may contain the defect. The vehicles may be equipped with a defective brass tee connector fitting as part of the motorhome portion propane distribution system.

4. It is estimated that 90% of the total population can have the defective brass Tee connector fitting. The recall will cover 100% of the units built by Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc. from August 26, 2008 to date.

5. The recall pertains to a brass Tee connector fitting (3/8" MPT SAE 45 degree flare) used to connect the copper piping from the motorhome propane storage container to the brass fitting assembly behind the refrigerator. The defective Tee fitting has too short a thread that when it is connected to another brass FPT fitting, the FPT fitting reaches the end of the threads on the Tee before the machined chamfered flare surfaces seal against each other. This lack of compression compromises the propane distribution system seal. There exists enough friction and/or compression of the joint to create a leak free seal, as tested using standard regulatory propane system low pressure test methods. It is a possibility, the connection will leak with vehicle usage, vibration etc., resulting in a possible fire hazard. As a warning to the presence of a propane gas leak, vehicle owners can notice the distinct rotten egg odor.

6. The determination of the defect is based on an in house parts inspection. The distributor of the fitting is Fastenal Canada, 860 Trillium Drive, Kitchener, ON N2R 1K4. We are not aware of reports of accidents or injuries, or propane gas system leaks related to this defect at this time.

7. All vehicles will have the brass Tee connector fitting inspected and replaced if required. The brass Tee connector fitting can be easily viewed from behind the refrigerator exterior access door. Roadtrek dealers and owners, supplied with a photographic image of the fitting installation, can determine if their vehicle is equipped with the defective fitting.

8. The owners and dealers of the affected vehicles will be notified by mail and phone in the next few weeks.

Yours truly,

ROADTREK MOTORHOMES INC.

Doug Porter
Quality, Service and Warranty Manager

cc: Jim Hammill, President
Alex Nastasescu, Engineering Manager
Joe Cecconi Sr., Designated Agent