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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

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)

The affected optional 12 cubic foot refrigerators were installed in Model Year 2002-2004 Jayco Legacy fifth-wheels manufactured between August 15, 2001 and April 28, 2004.

Model year 2002-2004 Jayco Legacy series 3610 RLTS, 3590 RLTS, 3110 RLS, 3880 RDTS, and 3710 RLTS.

Jayco, Inc., the responsible manufacturer, determined the recall population from its manufacturing records for the Company's manufacturing plant in Middlebury, Indiana, which produced the affected recreational vehicles.

573.6(c)(3)

A total of Two-hundred-seventy-three - (273) fifth wheels are subject to this recall. Specific Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) are as follows:

2002 - 2004 Jayco Legacy fifth-wheels with a starting VIN of 1UJCJ02R021K40071 and ending with 1UJCJ02RX41KT0084.

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)

In May 2009, Norcold determined that recall 08E-030 should be extended to embrace cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM, and 1201LRIM manufactured between March 1, 2001 and December 31, 2002 under NHTSA recall number 09E-027 to address a potential fatigue failure in certain cooling units. A fatigue failure in the section of the cooling unit which contains the refrigerant could allow the liquid solution to slowly leak. If a leak should occur and the refrigerator continues to be operated after the solution circulation has ceased the heat source could generate very high temperatures. At such high temperatures, the steel material of the cooling unit could soften and rupture. If the refrigerant gas is still in place when the rupture occurs, hydrogen gas may be expelled and could be ignited by the high temperature, possibly causing property damage, fire, injury, or death.

573.5(c)(6)

Jayco decided to conduct this recall after official notification from Norcold was received on July 13, 2009. 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:

- On July 22, 2002, Norcold announced and undertook a motor vehicle equipment safety recall to address a potential fatigue failure in cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold refrigerator models 1200LR and 1200LRIM manufactured from December 1, 1996 to February 28, 1999.
- On March 25, 2008, Norcold determined that this recall should be extended to embrace cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM, and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 1999 to February 28, 2001.
- In May 2009, Norcold determined that recall 08E-030 should be extended to embrace cooling units made by Norcold serving as components in Norcold models 1200LR, 1200LRIM, and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002 under NHTSA recall number 09E-027. Each **cooling unit** under this extension has a serial number between 1273701 and 1536607, non-consecutively.

The **cooling unit** serial number is located on the solution chamber, which can be viewed through the refrigerator vent door on the outside of your recreational vehicle. **The serial number on the cooling unit is different from the serial number inside the refrigerator.**

573.6(c)(8)

The remedy for the affected recreational vehicles is to retrofit the cooling units with a thermal switch kit which shall be provided by Norcold. Please note that Norcold will provide quarterly reporting on Jayco's behalf.

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
Jayco, Inc.