

July 16, 2009

Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Part # 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC. – Norcold Refrigerators, Norcold Recall # 09E-027

Dear Mr. Person;

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC (Coachmen) has received notification from Norcold regarding their recall campaign number 09E-027. Their notification states that this current campaign was initiated to extend the range of cooling unit serial numbers from an earlier recall they filed in March 2008 (Norcold recall # 08E-030). Some of the refrigerator models included in Norcold's new recall were supplied to Coachmen and installed in some of the recreational vehicles that were manufactured by Coachmen's Georgie Boy Manufacturing (Georgie Boy) division.

A total of 932 Georgie Boy motorhomes are affected by this new recall. These motorhomes were manufactured by Georgie Boy Manufacturing, LLC between June 2001 and April 2003. The affected models are as follows:

- 1999 – 2003 Model Year Georgie Boy Cruise Master
- 2000 – 2002 Model Year Georgie Boy Maverick and Pursuit
- 2000 & 2002 Model Year Georgie Boy Cruise Air
- 2001 - 2002 Model Year Georgie Boy Suite

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

Norcold's original notification (from recall # 02E044) stated the following:

“These refrigerators can experience a break down in a rubber seal within the gas valve. As the rubber seal ages, a leak may occur, allowing the propane gas to accumulate in the burner area. The consequences of this failure can lead to a fire.”

Norcold's recent notification (recall # 09E-027) further extends their original recall to include their refrigerator models 1200LR, 1200LRIM and 1201LRIM manufactured from March 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002.

DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT

Coachmen received written notification from Norcold pertaining to this issue approximately July 15, 2009. Our research determined that some of the recreational vehicles listed above are affected by Norcold's recall.

PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT

Norcold has offered to administer this recall campaign. We have provided them with the vehicle owner information for use in their mailing campaign, and understand that they will be submitting all further required reports to NHTSA directly.

Attached are copies of sample owners and dealers notification letters that Norcold will be mailing on our behalf.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please advise.

Very Truly Yours,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC.

Gary L. Duncan

Cc: Michael Terlep, Jr. – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company LLC