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**09V-299
(4 Pages)**

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

Dear Mr. Smith,

Foretravel Motorcoach has been notified by Norcold that there is a potential safety-related defect in a vehicle equipped with the identified Norcold 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 at 936-564-8367.

Sincerely,

Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty

Enclosure

Defect Information Report

1. Manufacturer's name/address

The manufacturer of the vehicle covered by this Report is:

Foretravel Motorcoach
1221 NW Stallings Drive
Nacogdoches, Texas 75964

2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicle covered by this report is a recreational vehicle that was originally equipped with a **1200LRIM Refrigerator** manufactured by Norcold Corporation between March 1, 2001 to February 28, 2002. The subject Foretravel vehicle manufacturing was completed October 17, 2001. Model information is as follows:

2002 Year model – U320 – 1 Coach Total

A complete listing of the subject vehicle is attached in Appendix A.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this Report is 1.

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Based on the information received from Norcold... Foretravel estimates that all of the vehicles in the recall population actually contain the potential defect.

5. Description of Defect:

The nature of the defect is a fatigue failure in the section of the cooling unit which contains the refrigerant. This fatigue failure could allow the liquid solution to slowly leak from the cooling unit. If a leak occurs and the refrigerator continues to be operated after 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 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 a fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Norcold advised Foretravel of its defect determination by letter July 13, 2009. In its letter Norcold advised Foretravel that they are extending the recall # 08E-030 filed in March 2008 to include Norcold refrigerators manufactured from March 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002. The equipment recall # assigned by NHTSA to the recall extension is 09E-027.

To date, Foretravel is not aware of any injuries or fatalities in this vehicle related to this potential defect. Nevertheless, after reviewing the matter, Foretravel has voluntarily decided to submit this defect report and at NHTSA advisement conduct this recall as necessary.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

Foretravel will assist Norcold in every way possible to remedy this potential defect. This includes assisting Norcold in notifying Foretravel dealers by certified letter and customer notification.

Cooling units that indicate no signs of leakage will be retrofitted with a Thermal Switch Kit provided by Norcold, however if a cooling unit does indicate signs of leaking, then the cooling unit must be replaced.

All parts and the labor to inspect and install will be at no charge to the consumer.

8. Customer/owner notifications.

According to information we have to date it is estimated customer notification will begin in August, 2009.

Mark Harvey
Director of Warranty Services

Appendix A

Unit #	VIN #	Refrigerator Serial #
5964	1F98D536X2N054371	968237