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To: **All Affected US Roadtrek Owners**

From: **Doug Porter, Quality, Service and Warranty Manager**

RE: **Notice of Recall 2009-01 (NHTSA 09V-264) Brass Tee Connector Fitting (17PC Models)**

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc. (formerly Home & Park Motorhomes) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the brass Tee connector fitting at the refrigerator installed in Roadtrek 17PC class 'B' Motorhomes manufactured on Chevrolet 2500 chassis between August 26, 2008 and June 30th, 2009.

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.

Corrective action requires the brass Tee connector fitting to be inspected and replaced if required. This brass Tee connector fitting can be easily viewed from behind the refrigerator exterior access door. See attached photographic images for determining if your vehicle is equipped with a defective brass Tee connector fitting.

The service and required parts if required, will be provided free of charge. The work will take about 1.5 hours to complete. However, additional time may be required depending on how dealer appointments are scheduled and processed. To obtain this free service, contact your Roadtrek dealer service department at your earliest convenience for inspection and correction. If you no longer own this vehicle, please inform the dealer or Roadtrek of this when you call. For more information contact our Service and Warranty department toll free at 1-888-ROADTREK (762-3873).

If this notification is inadequate or the corrections are not made in accordance with this notification within 60 days, you may advise the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

You are requested to carry out the inspection. If you have the correct Tee fitting, please complete and return the recall form. If your vehicle is equipped with the defective brass Tee fitting, **do not use the propane system in your Roadtrek**. Contact your Roadtrek dealer for immediate service to replace the defective fitting.

We regret any inconvenience these actions may cause.