



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

December 28, 2010

MR. BRYAN TILLET
PRESIDENT
PETERSON INDUSTRIES INC.
616 EAST HWY 36
SMITH CENTER, KS 66967

NVS-215kjs
10V-653

SUBJECT: PLUG IN REMOTE CONTROL RECEIVER FOR FIREPLACE

DEAR MR. TILLET:

This letter serves to acknowledge Peterson Industries Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

EXCEL/CLASSIC/2008
EXCEL/LIMITED/2002-2011
EXCEL/WILD CARGO/2010
EXCEL/WILD CARGO/2008
EXCEL/WINSLOW/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-653 **Mfg's Report Date:** December 8, 2010

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: To be determined

Summary:

PETERSON INDUSTRIES, INC. IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2002 THROUGH 2011 EXCEL FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS, MODELS LIMITED, CLASSIC, WINSLOW, AND WILD CARGO, EQUIPPED WITH DIMPLEX ELECTRAFLAME, SYMPHONY, OR OPTIFLAME BRANDED ELECTRIC FIREPLACES, STOVES, AND FIREPLACE INSERTS. THE PLUG IN REMOTE CONTROL RECEIVER FOR THE FIREPLACE CAN OVERHEAT.

Consequence:

AN OVERHEATED RECEIVER COULD CAUSE A FIRE.

Remedy:

PETERSON IS WORKING WITH DIMPLEX TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY ANY AFFECTED OWNERS. DIMPLEX WILL PROVIDE OWNERS A FREE REPLACEMENT PLUG-IN REMOTE CONTROL KIT. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2010 OR EARLY JANUARY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DIMPLEX NORTH AMERICA CUSTOMER SERVICE AT 1-888-346-7539 PETERSON AT 1-785-282-6825.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range of vehicles affected by this recall and also provide the total affected population.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in your report, Dimplex will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Dimplex's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for the successful completion of this recall campaign. Sincerely,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement