

Safety Defect and Noncompliance Report Guide for Vehicles
PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports

On January 5, 2010 the Coachmen RV Class C Division of Forest River was notified by the Chrysler Corporation that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 **Defect and Noncompliance Responsibility and Reports**.

Date this report was prepared: January 26, 2010

Furnish the manufacturer's identification code for this recall (if applicable): H44

1. **Identify the full corporate name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicle being recalled. If the recalled vehicle is imported, provide the name and mailing address of the designated agent as prescribed by 49 U.S.C. §30164.**

**Coachmen RV a Division of Forest River Inc.
423 N. Main St., Bldg. 250
Middlebury, IN 46540**

Identify the corporate official, by name and title, whom the agency should contact with respect to this recall.

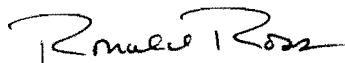
Ronald Ross, Service & Warranty Manager

Telephone Number: 574-825-8602 Fax No.: 574-825-8321

Name and Title of Person who prepared this report.

Ronald Ross, Service & Warranty Manager

Signed:



I. Identify the Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall

2. Identify the Vehicles Involved in the Recall, for each make and model or applicable vehicle line (provide illustrations or photographs as necessary to describe the vehicle), provide:

Make: Coachmen RV Model Years Involved: 2009-2010 Model: PRISM

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/08 Ending: 07/09

VIN Range: Beginning: 5ZTCPRM08910014092 Ending: 5ZTCPRL07AA401354

Vehicle Type: Motor Home Body Style: Class C

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: Chassis VIN supplied by the Chrysler Corporation. Affected vehicles built on 2008 Sprinter chassis.

Make: Coachmen RV Model Years Involved: 2009-2010 Model: FREELANDER

Production Dates: Beginning: 12/08 Ending: 08/09

VIN Range: Beginning: 5ZTCFLPB791004492 Ending: 5ZTCFLP01AA401425

Vehicle Type: Motor Home Body Style: Class C

Descriptive information which characterizes/distinguishes the recalled vehicles from those model vehicles not included in the recall: Chassis VIN supplied by the Chrysler Corporation. Affected vehicles built on 2008 Sprinter chassis.

Identify the approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by your company between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents. For example, if the recall involved Vehicles equipped with certain items of equipment from January 1, 1996 through April 1, 1997, then what was the percentage of the recalled Vehicles of all Vehicles manufactured during that time period.

2.8%

II. Identify the Recall Population

3. Furnish the total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or noncompliance.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles Potentially Involved</u>
PRISM	2009	1
PRISM	2010	3
FREELANDER	2009	1
FREELANDER	2010	6

Total Number Potentially Affected by the Recall: 11

4. Furnish the approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or noncompliance: 100%

Identify and describe how the recall population was determined – in particular how the recalled models were selected and the basis for the beginning and final dates of manufacture of the recalled vehicles;

The Chrysler Corporation provided Coachmen RV a list of Vehicles involved in their Notification H44. This specific list was cross-referenced to Motor Homes Coachmen RV manufactured on the affected VINs.

III. Describe the Defect or Noncompliance

5. Describe the defect or noncompliance. The description should address the nature and location of the defect or noncompliance. Illustrations should be provided as appropriate.

As reported by Chrysler, the EGR valve may not actuate sufficiently to prevent soot accumulation, resulting in improper valve operation or sticking.

Describe the cause(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Chrysler reports the Engine Control Module may not actuate the EGR valve sufficiently.

Describe the consequence(s) of the defect or noncompliance condition.

Chrysler reports that improper EGR valve operation may cause excessive exhaust emissions, illumination of the malfunction indicator lamp and a vehicle limp-in condition.

Identify any warning which can (a) precede or (b) occur.

As stated above under consequences.

If the defect or noncompliance is in a component or assembly purchased from a supplier, identify the supplier by corporate name and address.

Chrysler Corporation
CIMS 482-00-85
PO Box 218008
Auburn Hills, MI 48321-8008

Identify the name and title of the chief executive officer or knowledgeable representative of the supplier.

Olivier Francois, President & CEO

IV. Provide the Chronology in Determining the Defect/Noncompliance

If the recall is for a defect, complete item 6, otherwise item 7.

6. With respect to a defect, furnish a chronological summary (including dates) of all the principle events that were the basis for the determination of the defect. The summary should include, but not be limited to, the number of reports, accidents, injuries, fatalities, and warranty claims.

7. With respect to a noncompliance, identify and provide the test results or other data (in chronological order and including dates) on which the noncompliance was determined.

Noncompliance was determined by Chrysler. The Chrysler Corporation notified Coachmen RV of the vehicles sold to Coachmen that are affected by the recall.

V. Identify the Remedy

8. A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance. This program shall include a plan for reimbursing an owner or purchaser who incurred costs to obtain a remedy for the problem addressed by the recall within a reasonable time in advance of the manufacturer's notification of owners, purchaser's and dealers, in accordance with §573.13 of this part. A manufacturer's plan may incorporate by reference a general reimbursement plan it previously submitted to NHTSA, together with information specific to the individual recall. Information required by §573.13 that is not in a general reimbursement plan shall be submitted in the manufacturer's report to NHTSA under this section. If a manufacturer submits one or more general reimbursement plans, the manufacturer shall update each plan every two years, in accordance with §573.13. The manufacturer's remedy program and reimbursement plans will be available for inspection by the public at NHTSA headquarters.

Coachmen RV sent notification letters indicating the Chrysler recall, along with a copy of Chrysler's recall notification letter, to the dealers and purchasers of affected vehicles. Chrysler's notification letter states instructions for repair & reimbursement remedies.

9. Furnish a description of the manufacturer's remedy for the defect or noncompliance. Clearly describe the differences between recall condition and the remedy.

In accordance with Chrysler's notification of Recall H44. See attached.

Clearly describe the distinguishing characteristics of the remedy component/assembly versus the recalled component/assembly.

In accordance with Chrysler's notification of Recall H44. See attached.

Identify and describe how and when the recall condition was corrected in production. If the production remedy was identical to the recall remedy in the field, so state. If the product was discontinued, so state.

In accordance with Chrysler's notification of Recall H44. See attached.

V. Identify the Recall Schedule

Furnish a schedule or agenda (with specific dates) for notification to other manufacturers, dealers/retailers, and purchasers. Please, identify any foreseeable problems with implementing the recall.

Purchasers and/or Dealers of affected vehicles (11) were notified via letter sent January 8, 2010.