

Thursday, July 22, 2010

VIA FACSIMILE AND COURIER

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590
FAX: 202-366-7882

Re: **Defect Information Report**

On July 9, 2010 Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc. concluded that a defect exists which relates to the manufacture of the power lumbar support wiring harness for the front captain seats in all Roadtrek class "B" motorhomes built between, 2008 and 2010, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

1. Manufacturer: Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc.
(formerly Home & Park Motorhomes)
100 Shirley Ave.
Kitchener, ON N2B 2E1

Designated Agent: Schlueter Chevrolet Hummer
300 Weber St N
Waterloo, ON
N2J 3H6
519-884-9000
Owner: Angelo Tzeckas

Manufacturer's Contact Person: Alex Nastasescu P.Eng.
Engineering Mgr.
Phone: 519-745-1169/1120
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Distributor of Defective Equipment: K-W Leather Products
594 Colby Dr.
Waterloo, ON
N2V 1A2
Contact Quynh Ly
519-746-3510

2. Vehicles affected by this defect are 2008, 2009 and 2010 class "B" Motorhomes, Roadtrek 17PC, 17VC, 19PC, 19VC, 21PC and 21VC models, built on GM Express van chassis. (A complete list of VINs for units which may be affected is available)

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3. A total of 644 vehicles may contain the defect. The vehicles may have the wrong wire insulation rating.
4. It is estimated that 75% of the population will have the necessary circumstances required to bring about this defect and potential failure. The recall will cover 100% of the units built by Roadtrek Motorhomes Inc. from January 1, 2008 to January 1, 2010.
5. The recall pertains to the front seats with power lumbar support. On some motorhomes the lumbar support wire harness which is between the switch and the lumbar motor may have insulation that is not rated as per specification. If there was a short in the 12V wire harness the insulation could then melt or burn creating a source of ignition. One possible short could be the failure of the lumbar support switch. If this switch shorts out while the motorhome is in motion the driver can get scared and his/her reaction can create a risk of accident.
6. The determination of the defect is based on an in house failure and then a review and investigation of customer call logs.
7. All vehicles will need to have these harness component parts checked and replaced as necessary.
8. The owners and dealers of the affected vehicles will be notified by mail and phone in the next few weeks.

Yours truly,

ROADTREK MOTORHOMES INC.



Doug Porter
Quality, Service and Warranty Manager

cc: Jim Hammill, President
Alex Nastasescu, Engineering Manager
Quynh Ly (K-W Leather Products)