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Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Part # 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report – Coachmen Motor Works, LLC –
Norcold Refrigerators, Norcold Recall # 10E-049

Dear Mr. Person;

Coachmen Motor Works, LLC, formerly known as Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC, (Coachmen) has received notification from Norcold regarding their recall campaign number 10E-049. Some of the refrigerator models included in Norcold's recall were supplied to Coachmen and the former Georgie Boy Manufacturing, LLC (Georgie Boy) to be installed in recreational vehicles manufactured prior to the sale of the RV Group assets to Forest River.

The motor vehicles (motorhomes) potentially containing the defect are as follows:

- 1999 – 2003 Georgie Boy Cruise Master
- 1999 – 2002 Georgie Boy Landau
- 1999 – 2002 Georgie Boy Pursuit
- 1999 – 2002 Georgie Boy Cruise Air
- 1999 – 2002 Georgie Boy Maverick
- 2000 – 2002 Georgie Boy Suite
- 1997 Coachmen Aurora
- 2004 – 2009 Sportscoach Elite
- 2008 – 2009 Sportscoach Legend

These vehicles were manufactured between March 1999 and October 2008.

The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 888.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

The recall population will include all models 1200, 1201, 1210 and 1211 refrigerators with serial numbers from 315525 to 13088811, non consecutively and having cooling units with serial numbers from 700000 to 13085759, non consecutively, manufactured between December 1996 and October 6, 2010. The population of refrigerators being addressed contain either a sensing algorithm or a thermal switch to interrupt power to the refrigerator when it detects high temperatures that could lead to a fire. The population also includes refrigerators that have been previously recalled to be retrofitted with a thermal switch. The safety enhancement being implemented is the response time of the sensing algorithm and the thermal switch.

DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT

Coachmen discovered this defect when notified by Norcold of their recall campaign NHTSA # 10E-049.

PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT

Norcold has offered to administer this recall campaign. Their remedy is to affix a thermocouple, with a faster response time, to all refrigerators equipped with a sensing algorithm or thermal switch. We have provided them with the vehicle owner information for use in their mailing campaign, and understand that they will be submitting all further required reports to NHTSA directly.

Attached are copies of sample owners and dealers notification letters that Norcold will be mailing on our behalf.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please advise.

Very Truly Yours,

Gary L. Duncan