

# Coachmen Motor Works LLC

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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 –  
Dimplex Fireplace Remote Control Receivers (NHTSA 10E-027)

Dear Mr. Person;

Coachmen Motor Works, LLC, formerly known as Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC, (Coachmen) has received notification from Dimplex regarding their recall campaign, NHTSA number 10E-027. Some of the fireplace models included in Dimplex's recall were supplied to Coachmen and were installed in recreational vehicles manufactured prior to the sale of the RV Group assets to Forest River.

The motor vehicles potentially containing the defect are as follows:

<u>MODEL</u>	<u>MODEL YEARS</u>
CHAPARRAL FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS	2007 - 2008
SOMERSET FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS	2004 - 2006
WYOMING FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS	2007 - 2008
SANTARA MOTORHOMES	2004 - 2005
SPORTSCOACH ELITE MOTORHOMES	2004 - 2006

These vehicles were manufactured from October 2003 through September 2007.

The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 740.

## **DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT**

In some instances, the plug-in remote control receiver can overheat, posing a fire hazard.

## **DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT**

Coachmen discovered this defect as a result of NHTSA inquiry #EQ10-006. Upon investigation, it was determined that some of the Dimplex recalled fireplace models were installed in Coachmen built recreational vehicles.

## **PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT**

Dimplex has offered to administer this recall campaign. Dimplex will provide the owners a free replacement plug-in remote control receiver. The owners of the vehicles subject to this recall will be advised to contact Dimplex in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Dimplex. Coachmen will provide Dimplex 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 owner notification letter that Dimplex will be mailing on our behalf.

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

Very Truly Yours,

Gary L. Duncan