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(3 pages)Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington D.C. 20590Subject: Defect Information Report (Initial)
Navistar Campaign 11517

Dear Associate Administrator:

This defect information report is submitted pursuant to Part 573.6(a).

(1) MANUFACTURER'S NAME [Part 573.6(c)(1)]

- Navistar, Inc on behalf of Monaco RV, a wholly owned affiliate.

(2) IDENTIFICATION OF VEHICLES [Part 573.6(c)(2)]

- Vehicle Type / Make / Model / Model Year Involved:
 - Recreational Vehicle / Monaco / Vesta / 2011
 - Recreational Vehicle / Holiday Rambler / Trip / 2011
- Vehicle Manufacturing Dates:
 - 5/28/10 thru 4/18/11
- Other Identification Necessary to Describe Vehicles:
 - None

(3) COMPONENT MANUFACTURER [Part 573.6(c)(2)(iv)]

- This report relates to a defect in a vehicle level assembly controlled by Monaco RV.

(4) VEHICLE POPULATION INVOLVED [Part 573.6 (c)(3)]

Type	Make	Model	Number of Suspect Vehicles		
			United States	Canada	Export
Recreational Vehicle	Monaco	Vesta	62	5	0
Recreational Vehicle	Holiday Rambler	Trip	16	5	0

(5) PERCENTAGE OF VEHICLES ESTIMATED TO CONTAIN THE DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(4)]

- It is estimated that all (100%) of the vehicles in suspect population could have the defect.

(6) DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(5)]

- The fuse in the high beam headlight electrical circuit may open under normal operating conditions disabling the headlights without warning possibly resulting in reduced driver forward visibility.
- Reduced driver forward visibility may increase the risk of a crash possibly resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.

(7) CHRONOLOGY OF PRINCIPAL EVENTS WHICH LED TO DETERMINATION OF A SAFETY DEFECT or TEST RESULTS THAT LED TO DETERMINATION OF NONCOMPLIANCE [Part 573.6 (c)(6)/(7)]

- 3/3/11 – 5/24/11 Monaco RV receives reports of three instances of headlights shutting off when the high beam switch is activated on Monaco Vesta units.
- 4/18/11 – Monaco RV initiates initial containment action in production by changing the fuse in the circuit.
- 5/10/11 – 7/26/11 – Monaco RV investigates the root cause, redesigns the circuit, and develops a final containment action.
- 7/11/11 – Monaco and Navistar Engineering, Quality, and Field Service met to determine the extent and root cause of the issue and review proposed final containment action at the plant.
- 7/28/11 – Monaco RV initiates final containment at the plant by changing wire size and the fuse in the circuit. Units built with suspect circuits were held until corrected.
- 8/5/11 – Monaco RV determined the final suspect vehicle population (please confirm correct date).
- 8/10/11 – Navistar declares a safety recall.

(8) PROGRAM TO REMEDY DEFECT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)]

- The remedy will involve changes to the high beam headlight circuit wiring to accommodate 25 amp fusing.

(9) *PLAN FOR REIMBURSEMENT [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(i)]*

- A plan for reimbursement of pre-notification remedies is not needed as all the vehicles are within their original warranty period.

(10) *SCHEDULE FOR RECALL NOTIFICATION [Part 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)]*

- The schedule for recall notification is based on the availability of repair parts which cannot be determined at this time. However, a plan to mail an interim owner notification letter may be developed if the final remedy will not be available before 10/14/11.

(11) *MANUFACTURER'S CAMPAIGN NUMBER [Part 573.6 (c)(11)]*

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The undersigned should be contacted for any additional information regarding this recall on (260) 461-1890.

Sincerely,



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