



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

August 23, 2013

Ms. Monica Lamley
Assistant Controller
Recreation By Design
57420 County Road 3
Elkhart, IN 46517

NVS-215KS
13V-361

Subject: Unexpected Unfurling of the Awning

Dear Ms. Lamley:

This letter serves to acknowledge Recreation By Design's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

MONTE CARLO/35 SC FW/2013
MONTE CARLO/37 PM/2013
MONTE CARLO/37 SC/2013
MONTE CARLO/40 SC FW/2013
MONTE CARLO/43 SC FW/2013
MONTE CARLO/44 PM/2013
MONTE CARLO/44 SC/2013
MONTE CARLO/44 SC FW/2013
MONTE CARLO/52 SC FW/2013
NORTH AMERICAN/36 SC/2013
NORTH AMERICAN/44 PM/2013
ROYAL TRAVEL/39 SC/2013
ROYAL TRAVEL/42 SC/2013

Mfr's Report Date: August 9, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-361

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 16

Problem Description:

Recreation by Design is recalling certain model year 2013 Monte Carlo 35 SC FW, 37 PM, 37 SC, 40 SC FW, 43 SC FW, 44 PM, 44 SC, 44 SC FW, and 52 SC FW travel trailers; North American 36 SC, and 44 PM travel trailers; and Royal Travel 39 SC, and 42 SC travel trailers. If the awning installation sequence was not completely followed, the Dometic-brand awning motor may unknowingly become damaged.

Consequence:

If motor damage has occurred, it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the trailer is at rest or while in

transit, increasing the risk of personal injury or a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Recreation by Design will notify owners, and Dometic staff will replace the affected motors with a design that is not subject to an out-of-sequence installation error. The recall is expected to begin in August 2013. Owners may contact Recreation by Design at 1-800-999-1902 or Dometic at 1-888-447-0003 for more information. Owners are being instructed not to drive their vehicle until repairs can be performed.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Recreation by Design's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Recreation by Design must submit a sample of the envelope in which you intend to mail the recall notice to owners. The words "SAFETY," "RECALL," and "NOTICE," in any order, must be printed on the envelope in all capital letters, in a type larger than that used in the address section, and in a manner distinguishable from the other type in a manner other than size (for example, in a different font or color).

We have been informed that Dometic will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer Recreation by Design is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Recreation by Design to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement