



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

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NVS-215KS
13V-369

Subject: Unexpected Unfurling of the Awning

Dear Ms. Baker:

This letter serves to acknowledge DRV Suites'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:

DRV/ELITE SUITE/2014
DRV/MOBILE SUITE/2014
DRV/MOBILE SUITE SELECT/2014
DRV/TRADITION/2014

Mfr's Report Date:

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-369

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 129

Problem Description:

DRV is recalling certain model year 2014 Tradition, Mobile Suite, Mobile Suite Select, and Elite Suite recreational vehicles and travel trailers manufactured December 10, 2012, through July 30, 2013. Due to a design change in the Dometic-brand power awning motor assembly, the motor assembly screws may unknowingly shear.

Consequence:

If the motor assembly screws shear, it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the vehicle is at rest or while in transit, increasing the risk of personal injury or a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

DRV will notify owners, and Dometic staff will replace the affected motor with one of a different design. The recall is expected to begin by early September 2013. Owners may contact DRV at 1-260-562-1075 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:

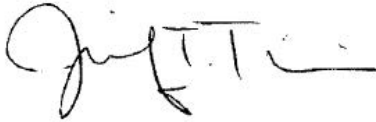
Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received DRV'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.

We have been informed that Dometic will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer DRV 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 DRV 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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