

Part 573 Safety Recall Report

22V-342

Manufacturer Name : Bowlus Road Chief LLC

Submission Date : MAY 16, 2022

NHTSA Recall No. : 22V-342

Manufacturer Recall No. : NR



Manufacturer Information :

Manufacturer Name : Bowlus Road Chief LLC

Address : 1910 Eastman Ave

Oxnard CA 93030

Company phone : 3666523

Population :

Number of potentially involved : 2

Estimated percentage with defect : 100 %

Vehicle Information :

Vehicle 1 : 2022-2022 BOWLUS ENDLESS HIGHWAYS

Vehicle Type : TRAILERS

Body Style : OTHER

Power Train : NR

Descriptive Information : The affected Dometic products which may contain the potential safety-related defect are recreational vehicle type cooktops containing specific burner control valves. These RV cooktops were manufactured between late 2020 and June 2021. The potentially affected cooktops have the model designations set forth below.

The total population of these products with the potential safety-related defect pertaining to the burner control valves is no more than 2 Bowlus travel trailers. There have been no reported incidents of gas leaks, injury or death involving these products in the United States.

There were 7 reported incidents in Europe involving different cooktops with the same burner control valve, however, these claims did not result in injuries. (A Dometic Group Affiliate in Europe has initiated a recall in Europe of cooking products that contain this same burner control valve.)

The detailed description of the potential safety-related defect is associated with the burner control valve where the valve stem is located directly behind the cooking knob of the cooktops. The burner control valve may have incurred abrasions, internally or externally, on the mating metal sealing surfaces of the burner control valve that may have led to leaks as noted in different European models, and could possibly lead to similar leak incidents in a limited number of US cooktop models as noted above.

The affected serial numbers were provided by Dometic. Bowlus Road Chief LLC traced all serial numbers of affected cooktop in our records to specific VINs. There are two affected VINs.

Production Dates : DEC 01, 2021 - JAN 31, 2022

VIN Range 1 : Begin : 4B9CAFB13NA [REDACTED] End : 4B9CAFB13NA [REDACTED] Not sequential

VIN Range 2 : Begin : 4B9CAFB17NA [REDACTED] End : 4B9CAFB17NA [REDACTED] Not sequential

Description of Defect :

Description of the Defect : As per Dometic: The burner control valve may have incurred abrasions, internally or externally, on the mating metal sealing surfaces of the burner control valve that may have led to leaks as noted in different European models, and could possibly lead to similar leak incidents in a limited number of US cooktop models as noted above.

FMVSS 1 : NR

FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : As per Dometic: There is an increased risk of fire and injury. The detailed description of the potential safety-related defect is associated with the burner control valve where the valve stem is located directly behind the cooking knob of the cooktops. There is a potential for the gas leak behind the control knob to ignite and create a small pilot flame and present a possibility of a burn to the user.

Description of the Cause : As per Dometic: The burner control valve may have incurred abrasions, internally or externally, on the mating metal sealing surfaces of the burner control valve that may have led to leaks.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : As per Dometic: While being used the smell of gas may precede any ignition and presence of flame.

Involved Components :

Component Name 1 : Dometic 2 burner cooktop

Component Description : 2 burner cooktop

Component Part Number : PI8022

Supplier Identification :**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Dometic

Address : 5155 Verdant Dr.
Elkhart Indiana 46515

Country : United States

Chronology :

Bowlus Road Chief LLC has made aware on May 11, 2022 by Elizabeth Wolfe at NHTSA about the Dometic Corporation safety defect reported May 3, 2022. Bowlus Road Chief initiated an internal safety escalation process on May 11, 2022 and is filing the official Defect Notification to NHTSA in accordance with CFR 49, Subtitle B, Chapter V, Part 573, Clause 573.6.

Description of Remedy :

Description of Remedy Program :	As per Dometic: Remedy will be made by replacement/exchange with newer cooktops that are not within the recall population. Remedy replacement will be completed at no cost to the end user. The user will indicate that they have an affected cooktop and supply the serial number information to Dometic Corporation. The remedy replacement unit will be sent with instructions to complete the installation and functional verification at no cost to the end user by a qualified RV technician. Reimbursement to the qualified RV technician will be provided once Dometic Corporation receives the recall response card and recalled unit documenting that the replacement has been made.
How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component :	As per Dometic: The replacement/exchange unit will have a completely different serial number outside of the recall population that will not have the defective burner control valve. The units will be visually the same to the end user.
Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production :	As per Dometic: Burner control valves from the supplier are no longer in use at the manufacturing site. The supplier only provided a limited production run because of production volume challenges. The factory corrective action was put in place on or about the time of the potential defect notification to NHTSA.

Recall Schedule :

Description of Recall Schedule :	Notifications to dealers and owners will be sent on or about the same date
Planned Dealer Notification Date :	MAY 18, 2022 - MAY 25, 2022
Planned Owner Notification Date :	MAY 18, 2022 - MAY 25, 2022

* NR - Not Reported