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From: Jimenez, Alberto
Sent: Thursday, March 03, 2006 7:50 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: ABS sensor engineering defect

Dear Consumer

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Thank you for your e-mail to NHTSA's Webmaster, which was received by NHTSA's Office of Defects Investigation. We apologize for the delay in answering your e-mail and use of this form letter; however, due to the number of e-mails received and limited resources, we are responding to your correspondence in this manner. A member of our staff may contact you if further information is needed.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, sufficient data must exist to warrant the expenditure of agency resources. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

Reports from motorists concerning vehicle problems are a very important source of information for us. If you wish to provide information with regard to motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment problems or problems with regard to recall corrective actions and have not done so, please complete the vehicle owner's questionnaire that is available on NHTSA's Web site at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq. Each report is analyzed and compiled into a database to assist us in identifying potential safety problems or recall inadequacies that require our attention.

You may also obtain information about recalls, investigations, and other safety related information by accessing NHTSA website at www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems. For other information please call our DOT Auto safety Hotline toll-free number at 1-888-327-4236.

If further assistance is needed, please contact Mr. Michael J. Jordan, Office of Defects Investigation, Correspondence Research Division, at: (202) 493-0576.

Sincerely,

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From: George Garvey
Comments:
To Whom It May Concern;

I am writing this in the hopes that it will save someone else from the problem I encountered.

It is a definite safety issue for all Class A Motorhomes with a Ford F-53 chassis.

I have a 1999 coach with 34,278 miles, which I purchased new. I began having an intermittent warning light. It would come on for no apparent reason and stay on for miles. And at other times, I would have no warning light. The light worked every time as intended when I started the engine.

I checked the brakes and they were working properly, but I still had the intermittent warning light problem. The problem turned out to be an engineering defect of the driver side (left) ABS brake wire. (part number 1C32-2C205-AB) The wire had been worn through by the brake rotor, causing the wire to short out. The wire was properly mounted but when you made turns, the wire would hit the rotor.

I had to purchase the replacement part for \$53. The fix that I came up with was to bend the mounting tab 90 degrees so the wire would not touch the rotor. After replacing the wire, the warning light functions properly.

I think that all owners of these units should be advised of this safety issue, which is why I am sending copies of this email to motor home magazine, highways magazine, and the National Traffic Highway Safety Administration, as well as Mr. Ron Pung from Ford Motor Company.

Sincerely,
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From NHTSA Web Site.