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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

DOT Auto Safety Hotline

Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire
To Report Vehicle Safety Defects
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OWNER INFORMATION (Type or Print)

Name: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]
City: BRENTWOOD State: CA Zip Code: [REDACTED]

Daytime Telephone Number
925-513-2202

Email Address

Evening Telephone Number

Do you authorize NHTSA to provide a copy of this report to the manufacturer of your vehicle?
In the absence of [REDACTED] name or address to the vehicle manufacturer. YES NO
Signature of Owner [REDACTED] Date: 5/24/07

VEHICLE INFORMATION

17 digit Vehicle Identification Number Located at bottom of windshield on driver's side
4YDF329235 [REDACTED] Make: KEYSTONE Model: MONTANA 3295RK Model Year: 2005
Date Purchased: 17-AUG-04 Dealer's Name and Telephone Number: FOLEY RV. INC. Engine: No. Cylinders: N/A Fuel Type: N/A
Original Owner: Dealer's City: BURLINGTON State: WA Zip Code: 98233
Transmission Type: N/A Antilock Brakes: N/A Cruise Control: N/A Powertrain: N/A
Vehicle Component Code: 181100 STRUCTURE: FRAME AND MEMBERS; UNDERBODY SHIELDS
Multiple Failure: 2 3

FAILED COMPONENT(S)/PART(S) INFORMATION

Incident Date(s): 25-FEB-2007 Failure Mileage: APPROX. 8,000-9,000 Failure Speed: 2000 0 WHEN PARKED NOTICED PROBLEM

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A TIRE FAILURE

Tire Make: Tire Model (Name or Number): Tire Size (Example P215/65R15):
DOT No. (Example: DOTM15ABC036) Original Equipment Prior Repair Failure Location:
Tire Component Code: Tire Failure Type:

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BE COMPLETED WHEN REPORTING A CHILD SEAT FAILURE

Make: Date Manufactured: Model No./Name:
Seat Type: Installation System:
Child Seat Component Code: Failed Part:

APPLICABLE INCIDENT INFORMATION

(Please describe in detail the incident(s), failure(s), crash(es), and injury(ies).)

Crash: Yes No Fire: Yes No
Number of Persons Injured: 0 Number of Deaths: 0 Reported to Police: N

Narrative Description of Incident(s), Crash(es), and Injury(ies).
Please describe (1) events leading up to the failure, (2) failure and its consequences, and (3) what was done to correct the failure; i.e. parts repaired or replaced (and if old part is available).

TL* THE CONTACT OWNS A 2005 KEYSTONE MONTANA. THE TRAILER WAS RAISED FOUR INCHES FROM THE TRUCK BED WHEN NORMALLY IT WAS RAISED EIGHT INCHES. THE FAILURE WAS DUE TO THE FRAME WORK BEING CRACKED. THE CAMPER WAS REPAIRED. HOWEVER, IT FAILED AGAIN, AND WAS CURRENTLY BEING REPAIRED. THE CONTACT HAS PICTURES AND REPAIR INVOICES. THE FAILURE AND CURRENT MILEAGES WERE UNKNOWN.*AK

KING PIN FRAME FLEX FAILURE
REFER TO LETTER OF FAILURE'S

Include, if available: Police/Fire Department Report, Photos, and Repair Invoice.

ATTACH ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY

The Privacy Act of 1974-Public Law 93-579 This information is requested pursuant to authority vested in the National Highway Traffic Safety Act and subsequent amendments. You are under no obligation to respond to this questionnaire. Your responses may be used to assist the NHTSA in determining whether a manufacturer should take appropriate action to correct a safety defect. If the NHTSA proceeds with administrative enforcement or litigation against a manufacturer, your response, or a statistical summary thereof, may be used in support of the agency's action.

I HAVE NOT INFORMED
FOLEY RV AS THEY
WOULD ONLY REFER
ME TO CUSTOMER
RETAIL WITH WHOM
I HAD DEALT WITH
ON THIS MATTER
EARLIER

COULD YOU CALL
OR EMAIL ME ON
RECEIPT OF THIS
PACKET. SO I KNOW
YOU RECEIVED IT.

THANK YOU



2005 Keystone Montana 3295RK 5th Wheel May 24, 2007

Reference No. 10188686

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

First Failure:

Frame flex failure on the forward 2"X 6" rectangular tubing that extends the width of the overhang in which the front of the king pin box is welded. This tubing had metal fatigue and tore. When this happened the four inside corners of the king pin box on the forward and rear 2"x 6" rectangular tubing tore and caused the 5th wheel to drop from the normal 8 inches above the truck side rails to 4 inches.

A new 2"x6" rectangular tubing was installed in the front, tears re welded on the rear rectangular tube and corner gussets added where needed.

Second failure:

Broken welds, metal distortion and metal fatigue under the pin box overhang in the same front front-end area. The king pin was lifted with a forklift and the new rectangular tubing raised ½ to ¾ of an inch.

The frame was tighten, and all area were re-welded where needed.

Third failure:

On the bottom of the sidewall where the metal frame, some aluminum, and the fiberglass outside skin are covered with the angle molding, the bottom edges were even with each other. When the forklift lifted the 5th wheel off of the landing legs the fiberglass skin raised 3/16 of an inch and the metal and aluminum did not move. This happened on both sides of the overhang. But, someplace the frame still is flexing which is causing the fiberglass to move with weight on the kingpin. We decided that there was more to this as it would involve removing the fiberglass outside skin or going on the inside and removing the wall panels to observe what was the cause of this flexing.

No repairs were made, as I could not afford to spend any more money on this Montana.

The Montana is in storage. With the uncertainty of this wall flex movement in which it could also have an effect on the roof above on each side and the correct alignment of the bedroom slide out (front of the slide out) which is also directly above on the left side and with the possibility that the overhang

**Action Line Good Sam Club
Frame Failure King Pin Box**

May 24, 2007

INFO
SENT to GOOD SAM
CLUB

Our 2005 Keystone Montana 3295RK experienced frame flex failure on the forward 2" tubing that extends the width of the overhang in which the front of the king pin box is welded. This tubing had metal fatigue and tore and when this happened the four inside corners of the pin box on the forward and rear 2" x 6" rectangular tubing tore and caused the 5th wheel to drop from the normal 8 inches above the truck side rails to 4 inches and the closet floor to raise 4 inches

This happened on Sunday, February 25, 2007, in Mesa, AZ. Monday morning, February 26th, I took it to a Montana Dealer 3 blocks from the RV park hoping they could help. The Service Manager had photos taken, made an attempt to contact Keystone or Montana by telephone without success (he told me he could not get anyone to help). He did telephone Lippert Components Warranty Dept. (frame manufacture) and was asked to email the photos to them. That afternoon I received a call from the Montana Dealer Service Secretary, saying a representative for Lippert would be out on Tuesday morning to look at the damage. The representative looked at the pin box and the closet floor and left. That afternoon I received a call from the Montana Dealer Service Manager stating that another Lippert representative called and said Lippert was not responsible for this problem and would not partake in any repairs. He said I could call the Lippert representative, if I would like.

Wednesday morning, February 28th I called the Lippert representative and he told me that Lippert has a 2-year warranty on their work and I was over the 2-year warranty by 6 months. I explained to him that this was not just a minor metal failure that just happened, but more of a major failure and there was not any way this 5th wheel could be towed safely on the street or highway in the current condition as it presented a road safety hazard. He told me that I should contact Keystone. I then called Montana Retail Customer Service 1-574-534-9430 and told the representative of the problem and what I had discussed with the Lippert Warranty Dept. and he said Montana only has a one year warranty and there was nothing he could do.

The service manager made an appointment at a welding shop in Mesa a few blocks from the Dealer and RV Park for Thursday March 1st. Thursday March 1st we took the Montana to the welding shop where a new 2" x 6" rectangular tubing was installed across the front. The pin box and other areas were re-welded and gussets added where needed. Friday afternoon March 2nd we picked up the Montana from the welding shop and continued home to California. After our arrival home, I noticed separation of the caulking on the topside of the angle molding that covers the sides and underside panels of the overhang. I called the welding shop in Mesa and he said to have it checked, as it should not have flexed. I made an appointment at a RV repair shop and on Wednesday March 28th they called and said that they found metal distortion, more cracks and metal fatigue in the overhang area. The shop lifted the king pin with a forklift and the new rectangular tubing raised 1/2 to 3/4 of an inch.

March 29th I called Lippert and told the representative of the flex problem and he said to call Keystone as they have encountered this problem before and made repairs to other rigs with our problem. I called Montana Retail Customer Service and told the representative of the problem and she said to send photos of the pin box failure. Sunday April 1st we sent an email of the past history and photos from the three businesses to Montana Customer Service (Team Montana). Tuesday April 3rd the Montana representative called requesting photos of the outside of the Montana. Wednesday evening April 4th we emailed the photos to Team Montana. Thursday morning April 5th we received an email from a Team Montana Service Advisor stating Warranty is denied because frame has been altered. A few minutes later I called Montana and asked if I could speak with the Service Advisor and was told he does not talk to the customer. So, I sent him an email and asked him to call me. He called and said he does not speak with

the customer, but felt he should talk to me. He said he understood my concern of the safety issue, but his hands were tied and there was not anything he could do to have Montana take care of the problem.

At this point, I called the RV repair shop and told them to start repairs. Friday April 6th still not satisfied with their decision to disregard our flex problem, when other Montana owners have had their flex problems addressed and repaired without question or cost to them, I sent an email asking why ours is any different than the others. Monday April 9th I received an email stating the decision still stands.

Friday April 27th, we picked up the Montana from the RV repair shop, made a 150 mile RV trip, came home and noticed once again, separation of the caulking on the topside of the angle molding that covers the sides and underside panels of the overhang just like before. I took it back to the RV repair shop; they removed the angle molding and the overhang underside panel. On the bottom of the sidewall where the metal frame, some aluminum, and the fiberglass outside skin are covered with the angle molding, the bottom edges were even with each other. When the forklift lifted the 5th wheel off of the landing legs, the fiberglass skin raised 3/16 of an inch and the metal and aluminum did not move. This happened on both sides of the overhang. But, someplace the frame still is flexing which is causing the fiberglass to move with weight on the kingpin. We decided that there was more to this as it would involve removing the fiberglass outside skin or going on the inside and removing the wall panels to observe what was the cause of this flexing. I told them to reinstall everything, as I could not afford to spend any more money on this Montana.

On Friday May 18th, I picked up the Montana and took it to storage. With the uncertainty of this wall flex movement in which it could also have an effect on the roof above on each side and the correct alignment of the bedroom slide out (front of the slide out) which is also directly above on the left side and with the possibility that the overhang metal frame structure are tied together this Montana will sit and not be used as further damage could occur.

My wife was going to retire as we were planning to travel for 3 months through the U.S. and now with this problem those plans are cancelled. We cannot honestly sell this Montana in its current condition knowing it is not in good condition and definitely the possibility of being a safety hazard on the road. This Montana was built in 2004 and since then Keystone has made drastic changes to the construction of the pin box frame support system because of the previous frame flex problems. Keystone has repaired others, but has refused to even consider repairing ours.

Luckily, there was not an accident in February where injury could have occurred because of this pin box frame failure or Keystone and Lippert would be in court trying to defend themselves of a product that they knew had previous problems and they only took care of the repairing, if the customer complained. We are asking Keystone to: 1) Notify all Montana owners of the potential frame flex problem previous to the upgrade of the support system of the pin box that only a few owners know about. 2) Reimburse us for the costs we have spent for repairs, which to date is \$5,300.51 and, 3) Take this Montana and repair it totally in a timely manner with a total warranty for as long as we own it or replace it with a new Montana.

My wife and I did a lot of research and looking for the perfect 5th wheel before purchasing this Montana as we heard how great they were and how great the customer service was. But, much to our dismay we have had a huge disappointing experience in the last 3 months.

[REDACTED]
Brentwood, California [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Good Sam member # [REDACTED]

VIN # 4YDF32923 [REDACTED]

2005 Keystone Montana [REDACTED]

Timeline History

February 25, 2007 thru May 18, 2007

Sunday evening, Feb 25, 2007 upon arrival into Mesa, AZ. at the RV Park, I noticed that something was wrong with my hitch, as the distance from the bottom front area of the 5th wheel to the top of the truck bed side rails was approximately 4 inches when normally the distance is 8 inches and the king pin plate was setting on a angle on the truck hitch. After disconnecting, I looked at the kingpin and it was still at an angle and I looked up in side the king pin box and noticed tears in the steel. Later entering into the bedroom the closet doors would not open smoothly like they normally do. I looked inside the closet and the floor was raised about 4 inches. I took photos of the king pin box and closet floor.

Monday morning, Feb 26th at 8am I took the Montana 5th wheel to the closest Montana dealer, *RV Traders in Mesa, AZ*, [REDACTED]. The Service Manager, Neldon Greco, looked at the pin box and had Melinda Whitney of the Service Department take photos. After waiting 3 hours Mr. Greco told me they had contacted Mr. Von Haning at Lippert Components Warranty Department (1-866-524-7821 x 4679) and were sending the photos to him. Mr. Greco also told me that they were trying to contact Keystone and were unable to get anyone to help. He told me to go back to the RV Park with my 5th wheel and they would be in touch with me.

Monday afternoon, Melinda called me and said a representative for Lippert from Phoenix would come and look at the 5th wheel the following day. Tuesday morning Feb 27th the Lippert representative came to the RV Park and looked at the pin box and the closet floor. He stated it wasn't necessary to take photos since *RV Traders* had already taken and sent the photos to Lippert via email.

Tuesday afternoon about 3 pm, Neldon Greco called and informed me that Mr. Von Haning of Lippert had called him and said that Lippert was not responsible for this problem and they would not partake in any repairs. Neldon Greco said that I could contact Mr. Haning if I had questions. Mr. Greco told me that he had made an appointment for Thursday morning, March 1st at 7:30 am at Cliff's Welding in Mesa for repairs to the 5th wheel and he said he could not do anything more for us.

Being that I had no other options at this time, but to get it repaired at Cliff's Welding at my costs, I authorized them to start the repair work. The forward 2"x6" rectangular tubing that the front of the pin box is welded to had metal fatigue and tore. When this happened the four inside corners of the pin box tore and caused the 5th wheel to drop to 4 inches above the trucks side rails. The shop put in a new 2" x 6" rectangular tubing across the front in which the pin box is welded and re-welded the torn areas, plus added gussets where needed. The shop owner, Scott Fitzgerald stated that the rectangular tubing had been flexing over a long period of time and it finally failed. He also stated the thickness

was schedule .180 (3/16") and probably should have been heavier material. The new tubing is schedule .250 (1/4"). My wife and I picked up the Montana on Friday afternoon March 2nd. At this point my intentions were to gather all this information and the photos, so when we got home and with a computer available, I could then email the information to the appropriate parties.

After our arrival home, I noticed separation of the caulking on the topside of the angle molding that covers the sides and underside panels of the overhang that surround the pin box. (These underside panels were removed to repair the pin box.) On noticing this I called Cliff's Welding in Mesa and spoke with the owner, Scott Fitzgerald and told him what I had observed and he said I should have it checked, as it should not have flexed.

Thursday, March 22nd, I called Lodi Truck and RV Center and they scheduled an appointment for Tuesday, March 27th. The following afternoon, Wednesday March 28th they called me and told me that they had found broken welds, metal distortion and metal fatigue under the pin box overhang in the front-end area. They lifted the king pin with a forklift and the new rectangular tubing raised $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. Thursday March 29th 8:35 am, I called Lippert Warranty and talked to Mr. Von Haning and told him of the flex problem and the broken welds. He said to call Keystone as they have encountered this flex problem before and made repairs. March 29th 8:50 am, I called Montana Retail Customer Service again and spoke with Denise and told her of what had happened and the first question she asked me was, "Did I install a receiver hitch for towing on the rear of the 5th wheel?" I told her, "no", but I did tell her, I had bolted a bracket on the rear end of both 10" I beams to hold a cargo basket for our two bicycles. She instructed me to send photos of the of the pin box failure via email.

Sunday evening, April 1, 2007 5:53pm, my wife and I sent an email of the past history from February 25th thru the findings of March 28th (refer to email #1) and the photo's from RV Traders, Cliff's Welding and Lodi Truck and RV. Tuesday morning April 3rd, Denise called my home and requested photos of the Vin #, front, rear and sides of the 5th wheel. Tuesday April 3rd 8:07 am, I called Lodi Truck and RV and asked Robin to take the above mention photos and email them to me. Wednesday April 4th I received the photos and at 5:49 pm, I emailed them to Montana Retail Customer Service at teammontana@Keystonery.com. (Refer to email #2.)

Thursday April 5, 2007 7:30 am EST (4:30 am PST) we received an email from Denny Marsh Service Advisor, Team Montana (marshd@keystonery.com) stating: After reviewing everything Warranty is denied because frame has been altered which voids warranty on the frame. If Lippert repaired this once it would be their call if they want to help on this. (Refer to email #3). *Lippert did not make the repairs. Cliff's Welding did.*

Thursday April 5th 7:36 am PST, I called Montana Retail Customer Service and told the representative who I was and I asked if I could talk to Mr. Marsh. She asked me why I wanted to talk to him. I said I had some questions I wanted to ask him. She stated it was not possible for him to talk to me.

Thursday April 5th 8:33 am, I sent an email to Mr. Marsh. (Refer to email #4.) In the note I asked him to call me if he could. At 10:10 am Mr. Marsh called me and stated he normally does not speak with the customer, but felt he should talk to me. He said he understood my concern of the safety issue, but his hands were tied and there was not anything he could do to have Montana take care of the problem. With that being said, it was up to me to cover the cost of having the repairs made. Thursday afternoon, I went to Lodi Truck and RV to see in person the damage and also have them raise the 5th wheel with the forklift, so I could see the flex of the new rectangular tubing that Cliff's Welding had installed. It flexed $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ of an inch. I told Robin (Service Advisor) that Keystone Montana would not cover the cost to make the repairs. I told him he could start the repairs and I would pay the cost. They hired an outside welder to make the repairs.

Friday, April 6, 2007 6:09am, still not satisfied with Team Montana's decision to disregard our flex problem we sent an email to them. (Refer to email # 5.)

Monday, April 9, 2007 2:14 pm received an email reply from Denise Roach, of Team Montana. (Refer to email #6.)

Friday, April 27, 2007 3:30 pm, we picked up the Montana from Lodi Truck and RV and made a 150 mile RV trip. When we got home, I noticed the caulking on the angle molding that covers the sidewall and overhang separated when hitched to the truck. When it is not hitched to the truck and on the legs there is not any separation. Wednesday May 2, 2007 I called Lodi Truck and RV and told them what was happening when hitched to the truck. They said to bring it in on Friday May 4, 2007. Friday afternoon May 11th Robin, (Service Advisor) called and said I should come and see the problem. Monday morning May 14th, my wife and I went to Lodi Truck & RV. The angle molding and the overhang underside panel had been removed. On the bottom of the sidewall where the metal frame, some aluminum, and the fiberglass outside skin are covered with the angle molding, the bottom edges were even with each other. When the forklift lifted the 5th wheel off of the landing legs the fiberglass skin raised $\frac{3}{16}$ of an inch and the metal and aluminum did not move. This happened on both sides of the overhang. But, someplace the frame still is flexing which is causing the fiberglass to move with weight on the kingpin. We decided that there was more to this as it would involve removing the fiberglass outside skin or going on the inside and removing the wall panels to observe what was the cause of this flexing. I told them to reinstall everything, as I could not afford to spend any more money on this Montana.

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EMAIL #1

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From : [REDACTED]
 To : [REDACTED]
 Subject : pin box problem
 Date : Sat, Apr 01, 2007 06:53 PM

Regarding 2005 Montana 3295RK
 VIN # 4YDF32923 [REDACTED]

Sunday evening, Feb 25th on arrival into Mesa, AZ at the RV Park, I noticed that something was wrong with my hitch, as the distance from the bottom front area of the 5th wheel to the top of the truck bed side rails was approximately 4 inches when normally the distance is 8 inches and the king pin plate was setting on an angle on the truck hitch. After disconnecting I looked at the king pin and it was still at an angle and I looked up in side the king pin box and noticed cracks in the steel, also on entering into the bedroom the closet doors would not open smoothly like they normally do. I looked inside the closet and the floor was raised about the 4 inches.

On Monday morning, Feb 26th at 8am I took the Montana 5th wheel to the closest Montana dealer, RV Traders in Mesa, AZ (1-480-464-9724). The service manager, Neldon Greco, looked at the pin box and had Melinda Whitney of the service department take photos. After waiting 3 hours Mr. Greco told me they had contacted Mr. Von Haring at Lippert Components warranty department (1-866-524-7821 x 4679) and were sending the photos to him. Mr. Greco also told me that they were trying to contact Keystone and were unable to get anyone to help him. He told me to go back to the RV Park with my 5th wheel and they would be in touch with me.

Monday afternoon Melinda called me and said a representative for Lippert from Phoenix would come and look at the 5th wheel the following day. Tuesday morning the Lippert Rep. came to the RV Park and looked at the pin box and the closet floor. He stated it wasn't necessary to take photos since RV Trader had already done that and sent the photos to Lippert via email.

Tuesday afternoon about 3 pm Neldon Greco called and informed me that Mr. Von Haring of Lippert had called him and said that Lippert was not responsible for this problem and they would not partake in any repairs. Neldon Greco said that I could contact him if I had questions. Mr. Greco told me that he had made an appointment for Thursday morning, March 1st at 7:30 am at Cliff's Welding in Mesa for repairs to the 5th wheel.

On Wednesday morning, February 28th I called Mr. Haring at Lippert and he told me that Lippert has a 2 year warranty on their work and I was over the 2 year warranty. He told me that I should contact Keystone. I then called Montana retail customer service and told the representative of my problem and he said Montana only has a one year warranty and there was nothing he could do.

Being that I had no other options at this time, but to get it repaired at Cliff's Welding at my costs, I authorized him to start the repair work so I could continue on my vacation before heading back home to California. Once home I could gather all the photos and have a computer available with the information, so I could email it to the appropriate people.

After my arrival home I noticed separation of the angle molding that covers the sides and underside panels that surround the pin box. (These underside panels were removed to repair the pin box.) On noticing this I called Cliff's Welding in Mesa and spoke with the owner, Scott Fitzgerald and told him what I had observed and he said I should have it checked, as it should not have flexed.

On Thursday, March 22nd I called Lodi Truck and RV Center and they scheduled an appointment for Tuesday, March 27th. The following day, they called me and told me that they had found metal distortion, more cracks and more metal fatigue in the area around the pin box. At that point I called Montana retail customer service again and spoke with Denise and she instructed me to send photos via email.

This 2005 Montana was purchased at Foley RV in Burlington, WA on August 17th, 2004. This RV has been used approximately 12 times for local leisure weekend travel and 2 times for 2-3 week periods further away from home. I feel this should not have happened in this amount of time and how it was used, regardless of the 1 and 2 year warranties. (We also purchased an extended warranty that does not, as you know, cover structural damage.)

I would like you to review the photos that will be sent in separate emails from each location. There will be photos sent from RV Trader's, Cliff's Welding and Lodi Truck and RV. Lodi Truck and RV still have some more photos to send. Please let me know what I can expect Keystone to do to remedy this situation. I feel this is a very serious safety issue as my RV is not usable and certainly not safe for highway travel with such metal cracks and fatigue.

Thank you for your prompt reply.

Sincerely,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brentwood, CA
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



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EMAIL # 3

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From : "Denny Marsh" <marshd@teyatonsrv.com>
 To : [REDACTED]
 Subject : RE: more photos from Lodi Truck and RV
 Date : Thu, Apr 05, 2007 07:30 AM

Carol,

After reviewing everything Warranty is denied because frame has been altered which voids warranty on the frame. If Lippert repaired this once it would be their call if they want to help on this.

Thanks.

Denny Marsh
Service Advisor, Team Montana

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 8:50 PM
 To: Michelle Diaz
 Subject: more photos from Lodi Truck and RV

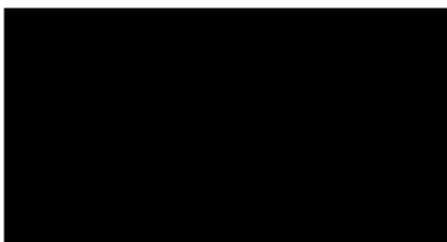
Regarding 2005 Montana [REDACTED]

VIN # 4YDF329 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Brentwood, CA [REDACTED]



Denise, of customer retail, asked that we send photos of the vin number, the front, the sides, and the rear of our 5th wheel. Lodi Truck and RV sent us these photos yesterday, it is at their facility waiting to be repaired. When can we expect to hear from Team Montana regarding the pin box structural steel failures? Will you be sending a representative to check out this problem?

We would like to get this issue resolved as soon as possible.

Thank you,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Brentwood, CA 9

[Redacted]



EMAIL #4

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From: [REDACTED]
 To: marshd@keystonerv.com
 Subject: RE: more photos from Lodi Truck and RV
 Date: Thu, Apr 05, 2007 08:33 AM

Denny, What do you mean by altered? Lippert did not make the repairs to the pin box. Mr. Haring at Lippert said they have a two year warranty and we were six months over warranty. I had Cliff's welding in Mesa, Az to the repairs. The photo's from Cliff's welding show the steel tubing that is shown laying on the floor as the cause of failure over a period of time and finally it broke causing the other area's of the pin box to tear. Scott owner of Cliff's Welding said the steel tubing was 3/16" material and should have been heavier at time of manufacture. I tried to call you earlier to discuss this problem, but customer retail said it was not possible for me to talk to you. Could you please call me @ 925-513-2202. Thank you Edward Burke.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5, 2007 10:10 AM. MR. MARSH CALLED ME AND STATED HE NORMALLY DOES NOT SPEAK WITH THE CUSTOMER, BUT FELT HE SHOULD TALK TO ME. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD MY CONCERN OF THE SAFETY ISSUE BUT SAID HIS HANDS WERE TIED AND THERE WAS NOT ANYTHING HE COULD DO TO HAVE MONTANA TAKE CARE OF THE PROBLEM.
 - "Denny Marsh" <marshd@keystonerv.com> wrote: I THANKED HIM FOR AT LEAST RETURNING MY CALL

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Thanks.

Denny Marsh
 Service Advisor, Team Montana

From: [REDACTED]
 Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 8:50 PM
 To: Michelle Diaz
 Subject: more photos from Lodi Truck and RV

Regarding 2005 Montana 3295RK

VIN # 4YDF32[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brentwood, CA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Thank you,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Brentwood, CA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]



EMAIL #5

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From : [REDACTED]
 To : marshd@keystonerv.com
 Cc : teammontana@keystonerv.com
 Subject : RE: more photos from Lodi Truck and RV
 Date : Fri, Apr 06, 2007 06:08 AM

Denny,

After checking the Montana Owners website in which we are a part of at www.montanowners.com . I see that there have been several other pre-2006 Montana's with the same pin box flex problems, with the structural beam that the pin box is attached.

In reading and discussing the problem with other Montana owners, it seems that all of the problems were addressed and repairs were made without question. This seems to be what I would call a "recall type problem" and I would like to ask you why you have discarded our flex problem, when you know that there have been many other flex problems with these pre-2006 Montana's

I think before you make such a rash decision, you should check with your department managers and they should check with your legal department as this seems to also be a liability issue.

Thursday afternoon April 5, I visited Lodi RV center where our 3295RK is being checked out. They raised the rig with a fork lift and the forward beam that the pin box is attached to raised 1/2" to 3/4".

[REDACTED]
 Brentwood, GA
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]
 [REDACTED]

After reviewing everything Warranty is denied because frame has been altered which voids warranty on the frame. If Lippert repaired this once it would be their call if they want to help on this.

Thanks,

Denny Marsh
 Service Advisor, Team Montana

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 04, 2007 8:50 PM
To: Michelle Diaz
Subject: more photos from Lodi Truck and RV

Regarding 2005 Montana 3295RK

VIN # 4YDF329 [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Brentwood, CA [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Denise, of customer retail, asked that we send photos of the vin number, the front, the sides, and the rear of our 5th wheel. Lodi Truck and RV sent us these photos yesterday, it is at their facility waiting to be repaired. When can we expect to hear from Team Montana regarding the pin box structural steel failures? Will you be sending a representative to check out this problem?

We would like to get this issue resolved as soon as possible.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

From : "Denise Rosch" <rosch@keystoneRV.com>
To : [REDACTED]
Subject : VN #811975
Date : Mon, Apr 09, 2007 02:14 PM

Dear [REDACTED]

In regards to the email you sent to Denny Marsh on April 6, 2007, I have checked with our managers and legal department the decision will stand as Denny Marsh stated. "After reviewing everything warranty is denied because frame has been altered which voids warranty on the frame. If Lippert repaired this once it would be their call if they want to help on this."

Sincerely

Denise

Customer Relations Specialist

Keystone RV

Contact numbers and addresses

Keystone RV Company
17400 Hackberry Drive
Goshen, Indiana 46526
Customer Retail
1-574-534-9430
teammontana@keystonerv.com

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KEYSTONE.

YOU PROBABLY HAVE A DIFFERENT
CONTACT.

Lippert Components Warranty Dept.
2703 College Avenue
Goshen, Indiana 46528
Von Hanning, Representative
1-866-524-7821 ext. 4679

Cliff's Welding, Inc.
4007 E. Main Street
Mesa, AZ 85205
Scott Fitzgerald, Owner
1-480-832-0570
brandi@cliffswelding.com

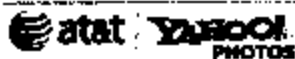
Lodi Truck and RV Center
19681 N. Highway 99
Acampo, CA 95220
Garry Mann, Service Manager
Robin Johnson, Service Advisor
1-209-369-1431
service@lodirvcenter.com

RV Traders - Montana Dealer
2501 E. Main Street
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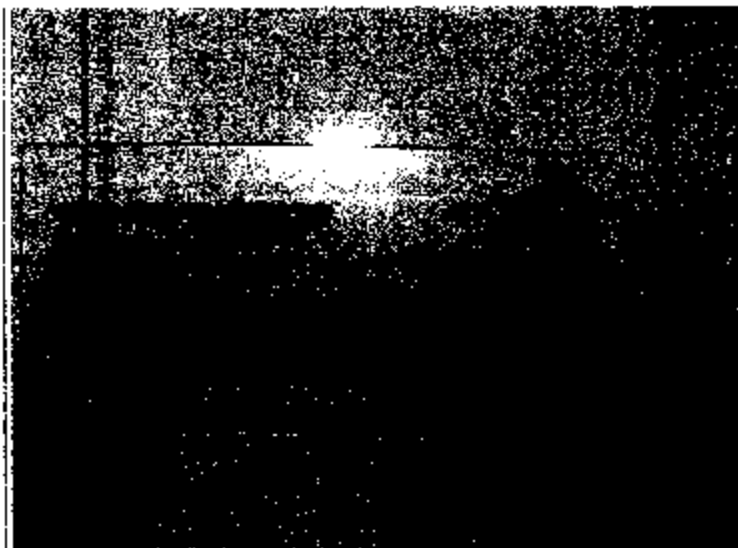


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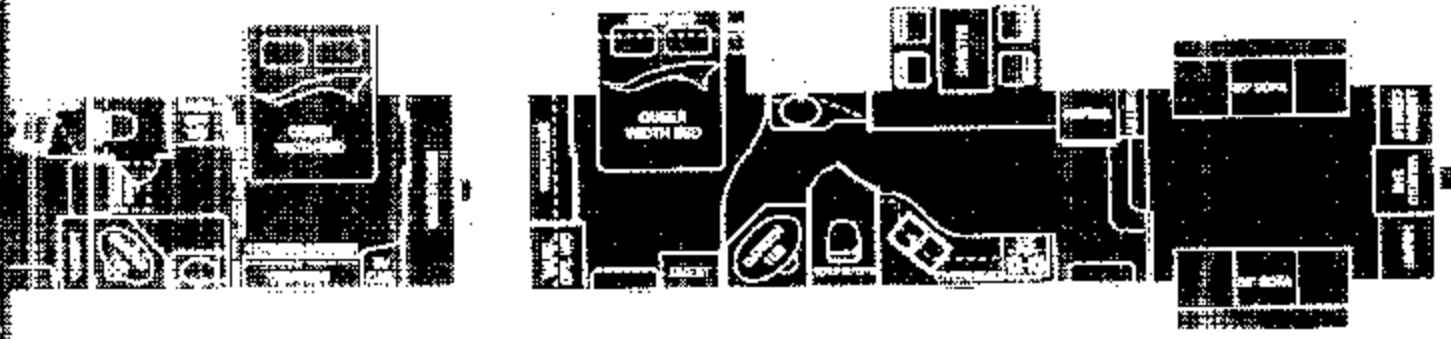
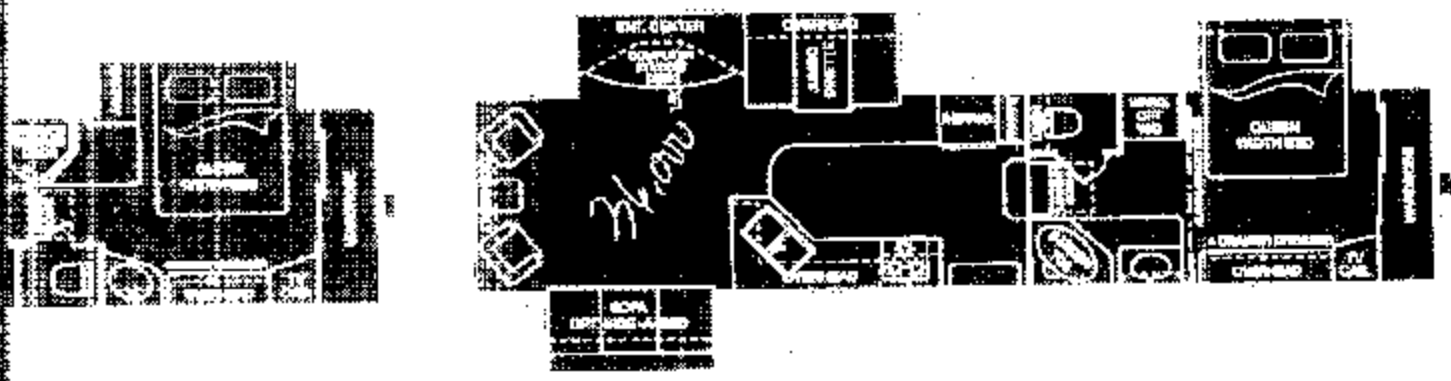
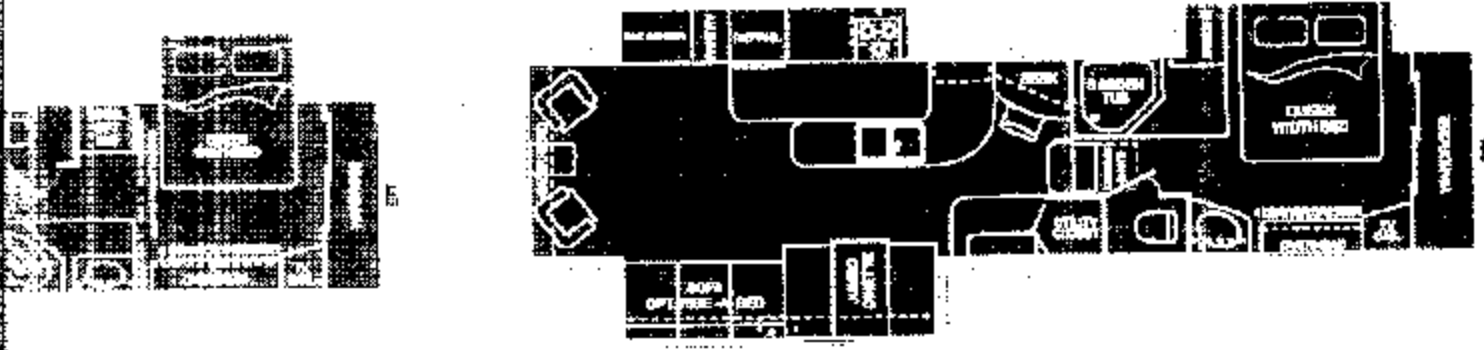
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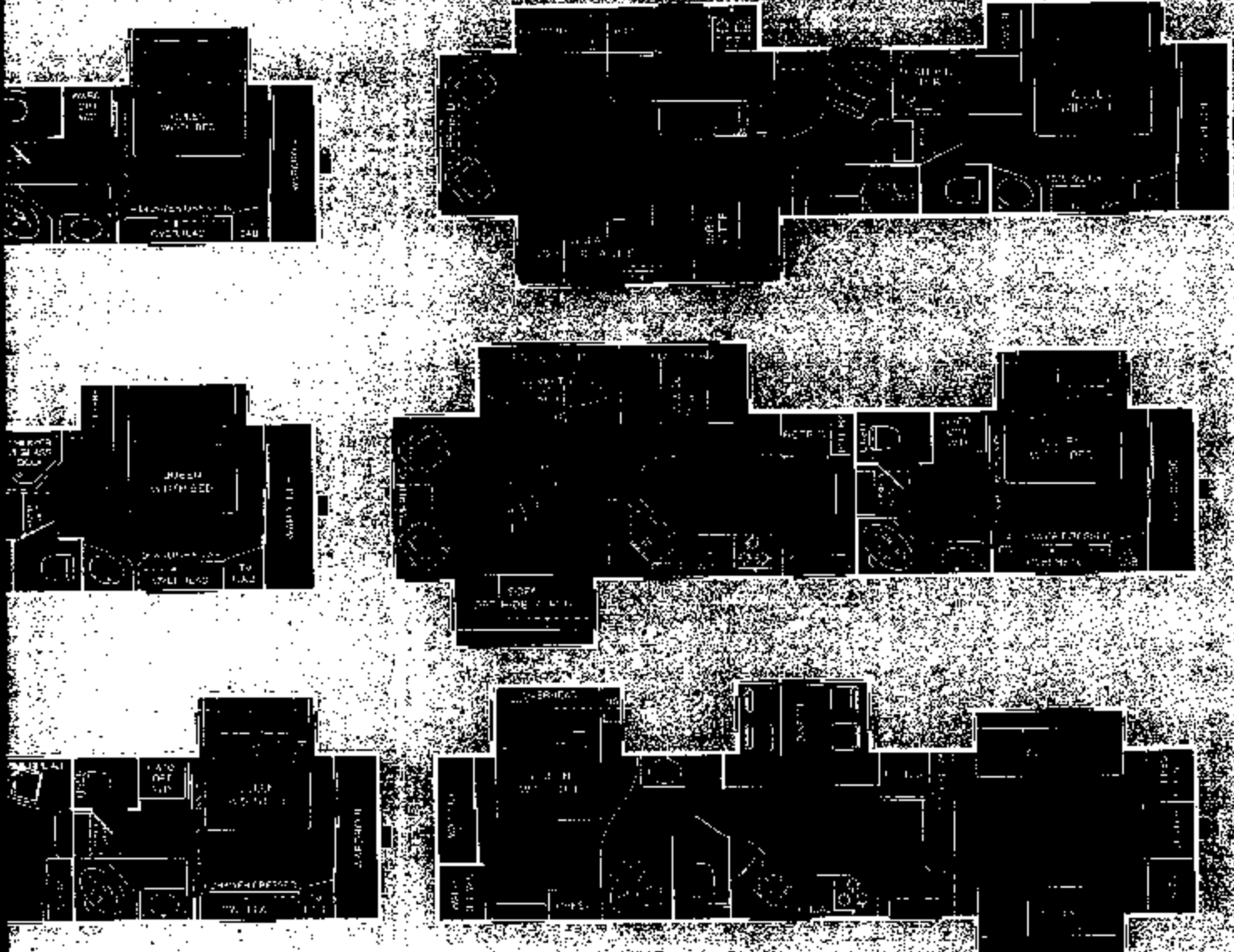
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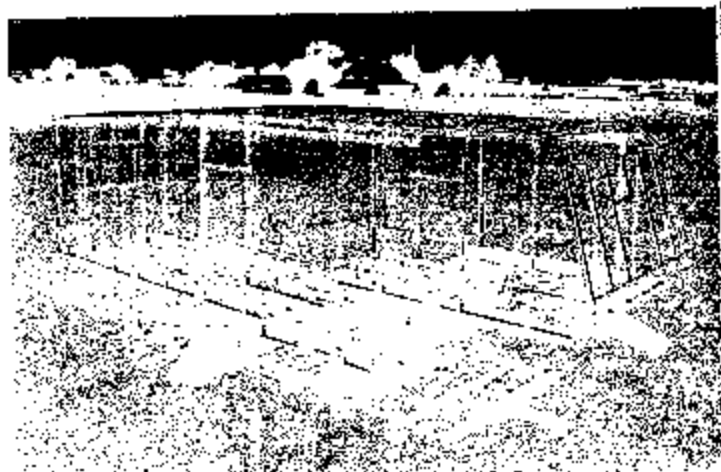
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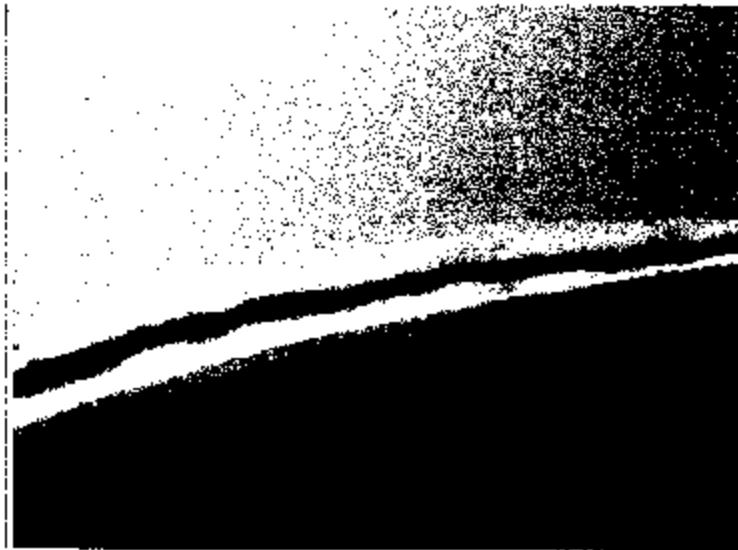


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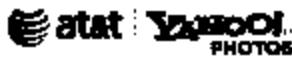
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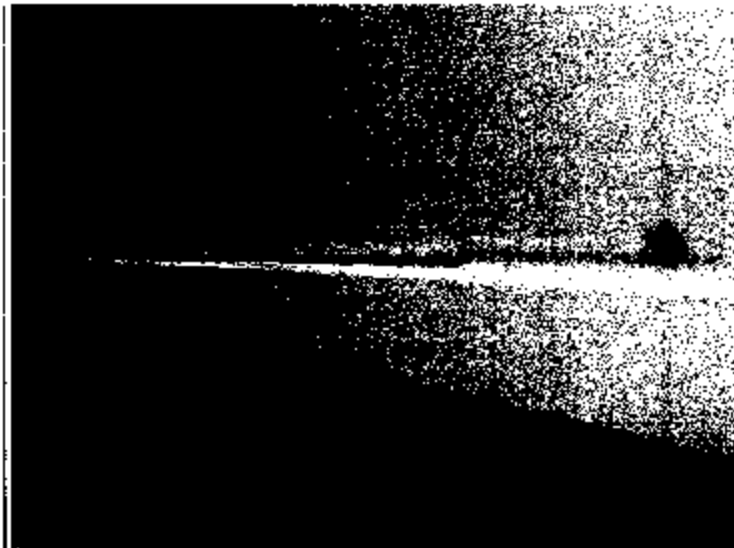


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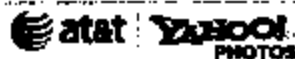
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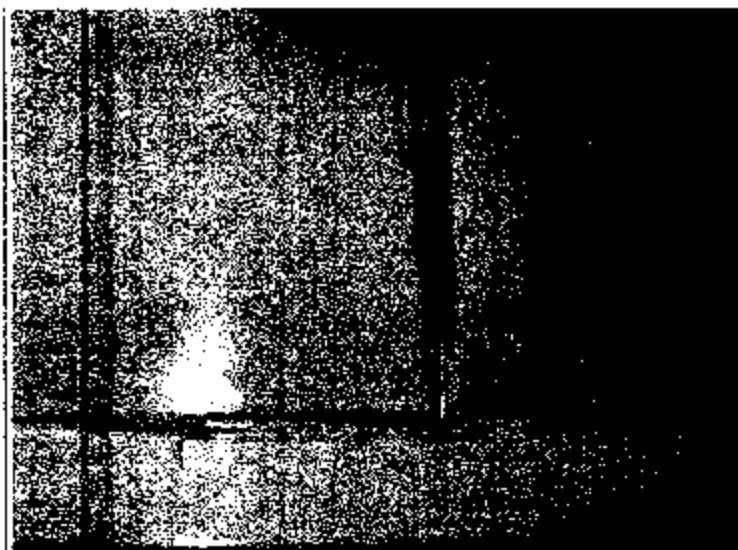
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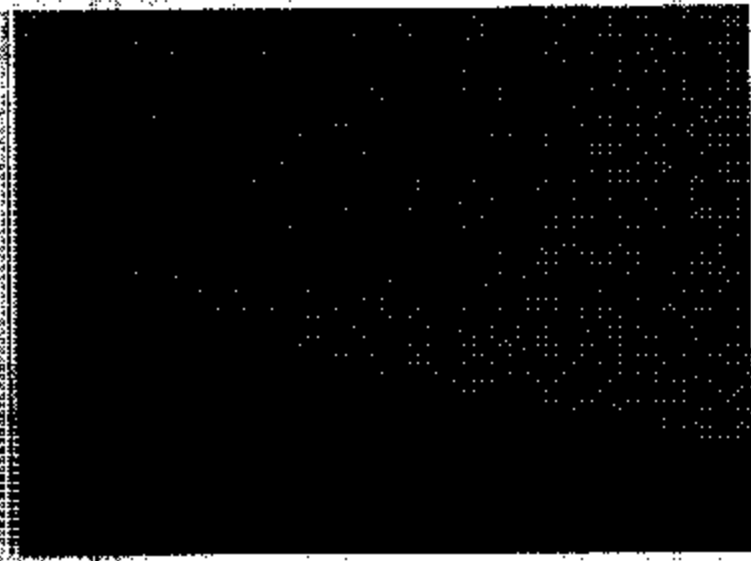
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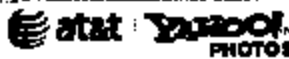
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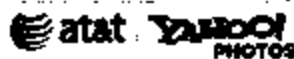
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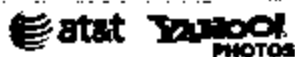
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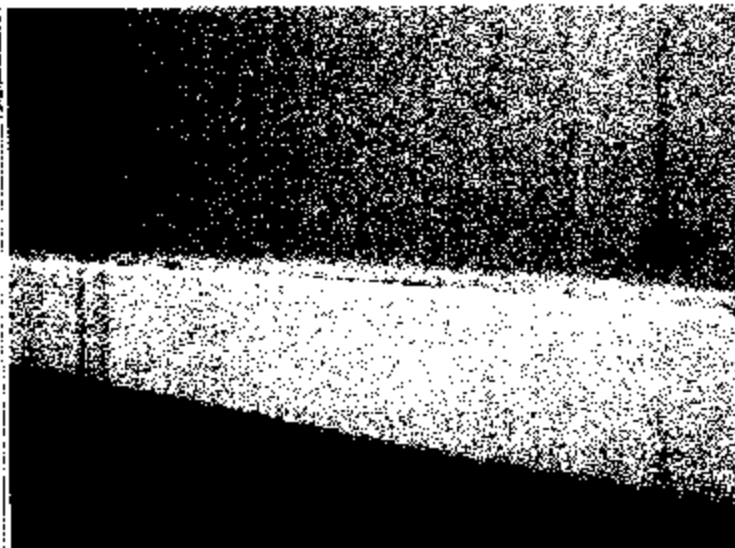
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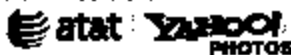
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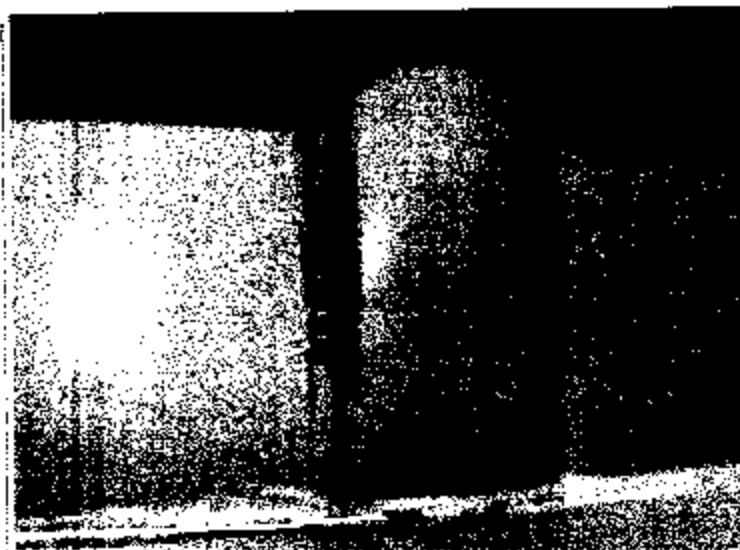
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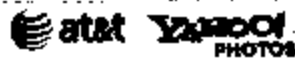
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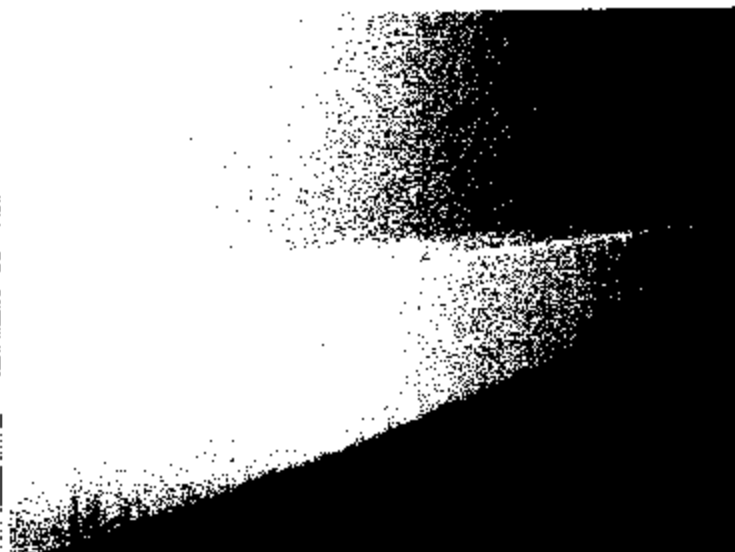
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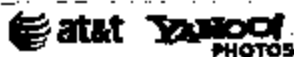
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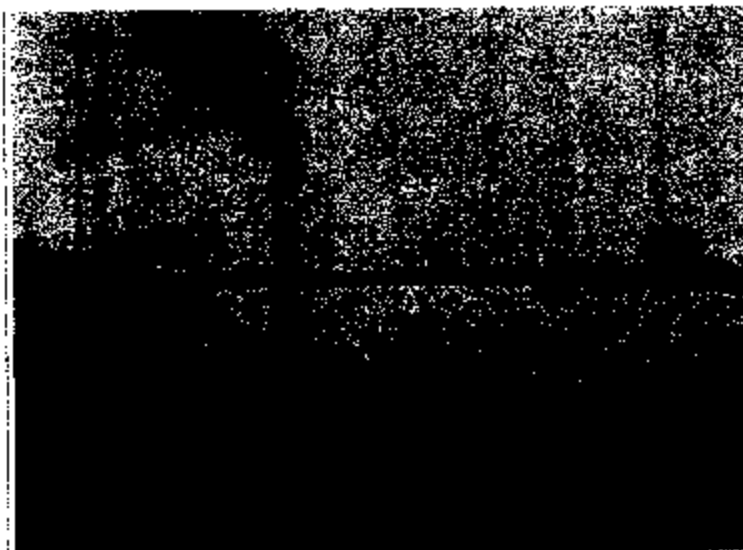
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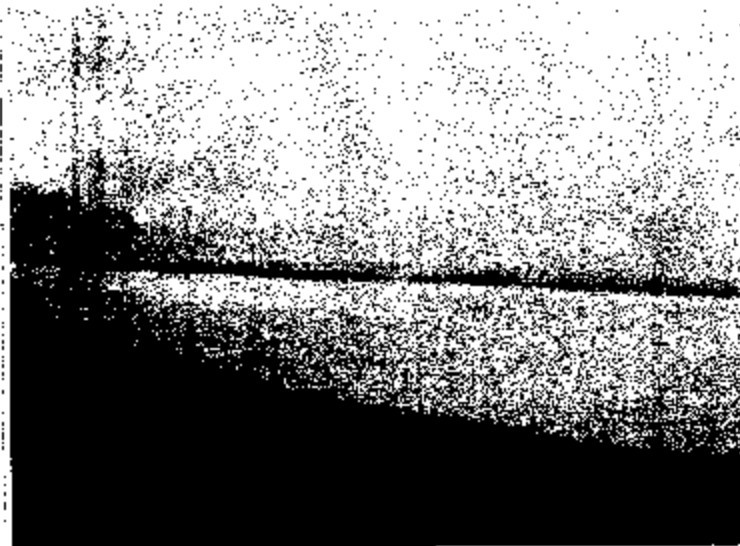
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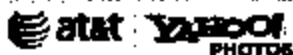
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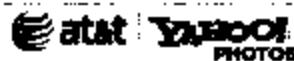
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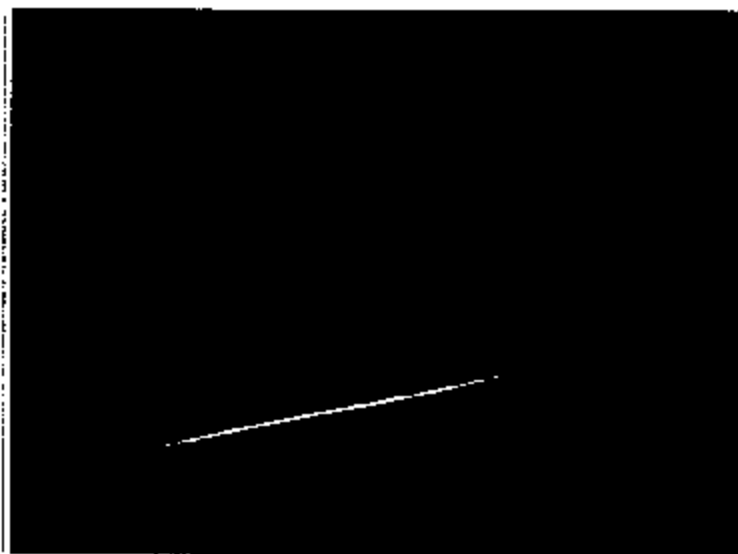


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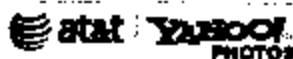
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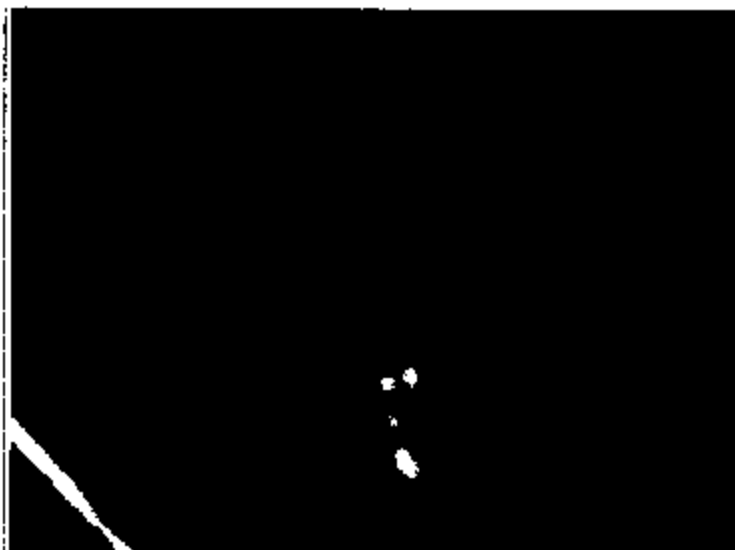
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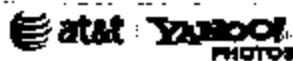
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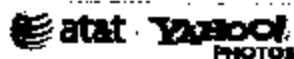
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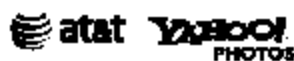
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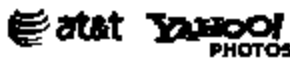
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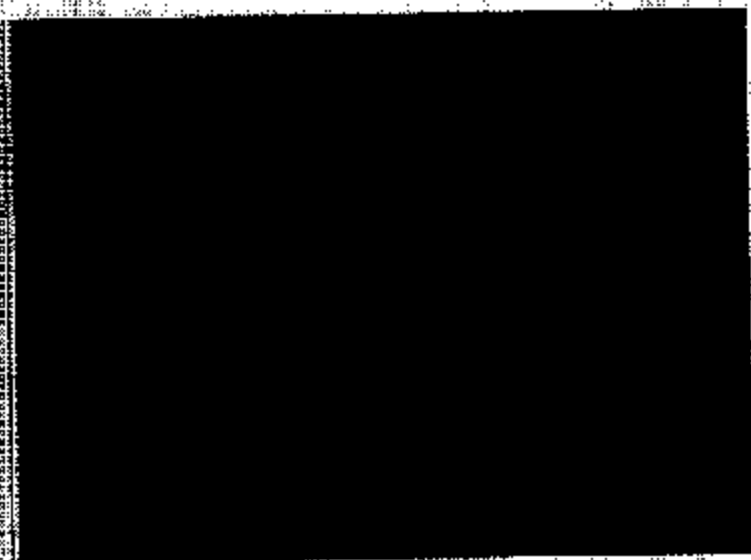
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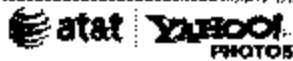
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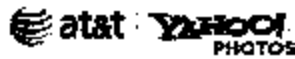
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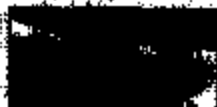
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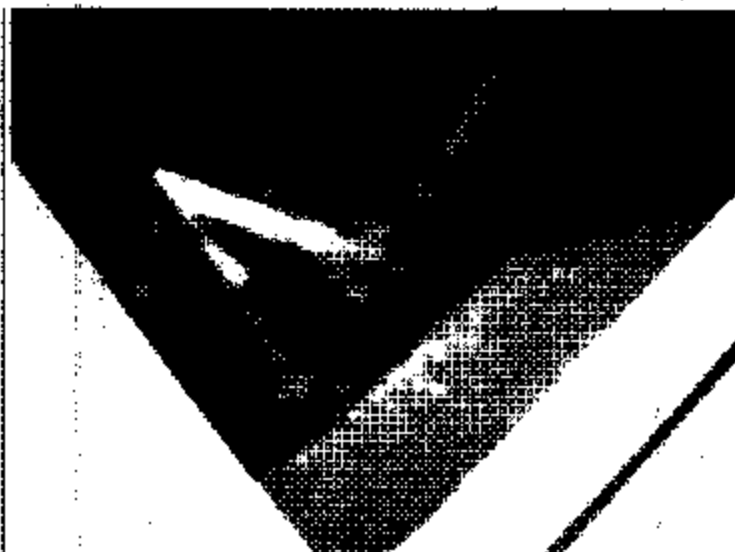


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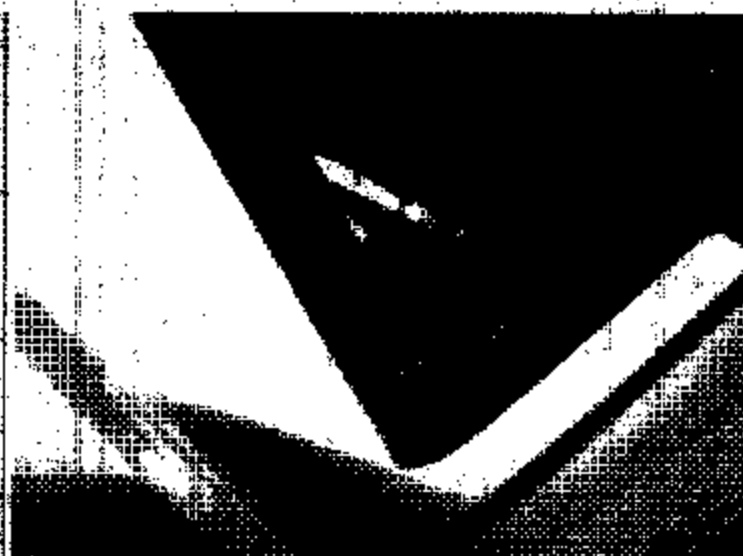


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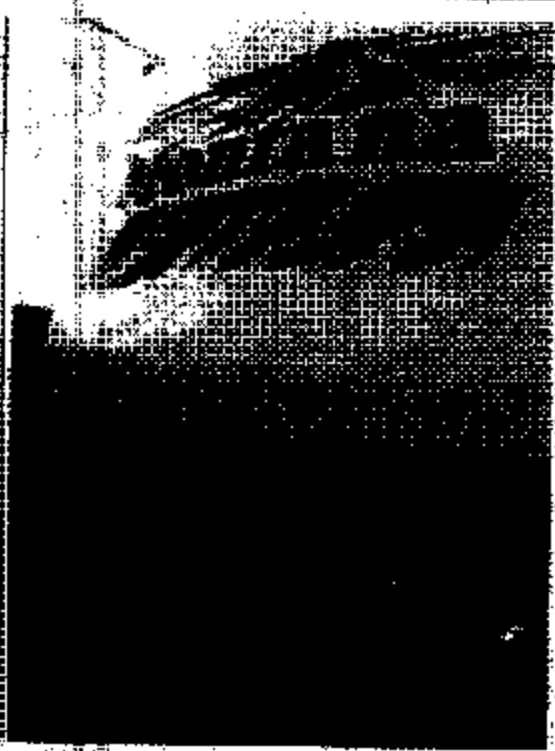


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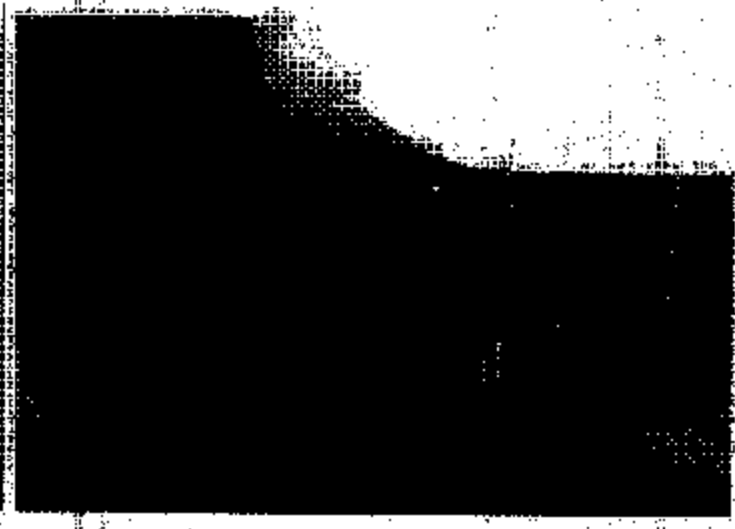
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beam tear on top (32 of 67 from [Sherlock.Hiro.Fin.Sun.2007](#))
 instead, right side of pin box: BE3-0408 CM's Wedding

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3/1/07 left rear beam / pin box tear (33 of 67 from Montana Farm Pic Box 2967)

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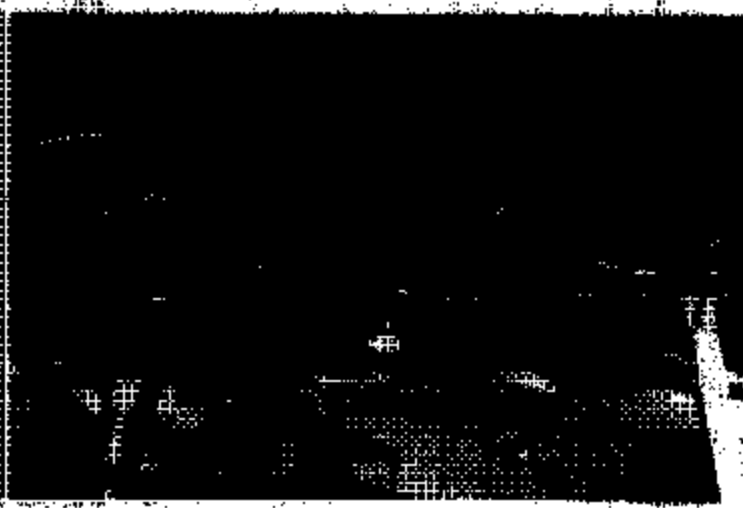
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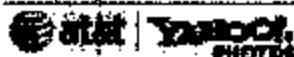
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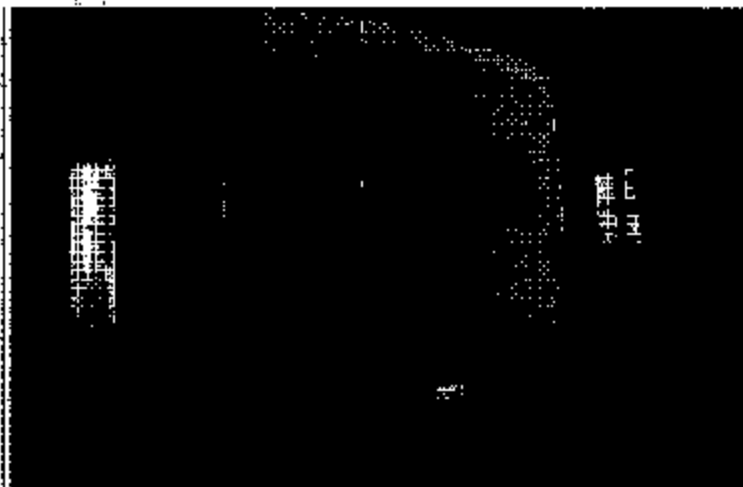


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4/2/07 IMG-F589 (88 of 47 from Montana King Pin Box 2897)

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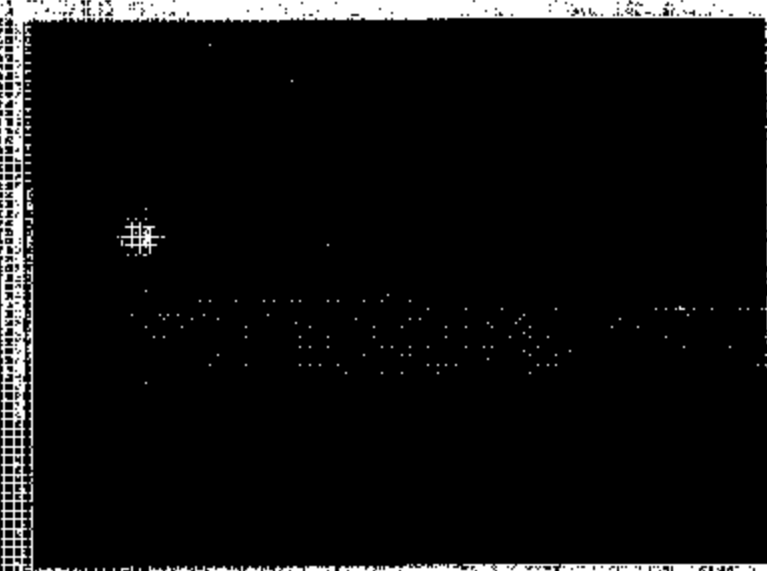
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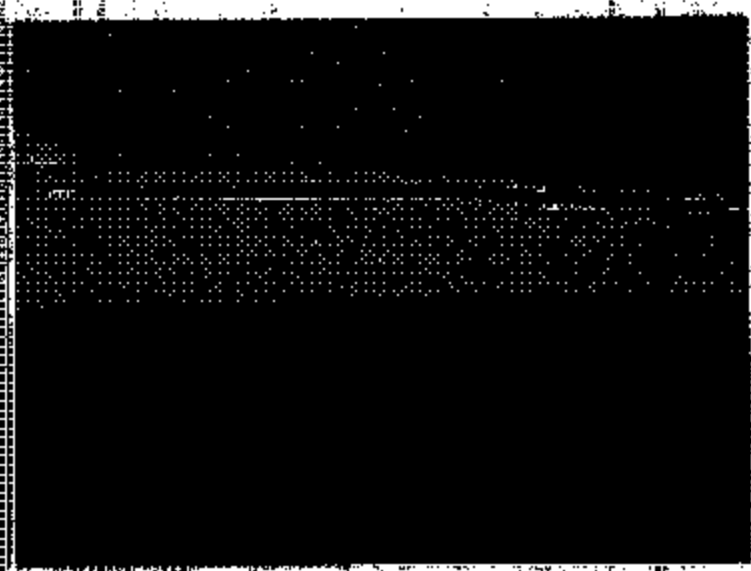
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by user: Michael K. Brock, Burke photo

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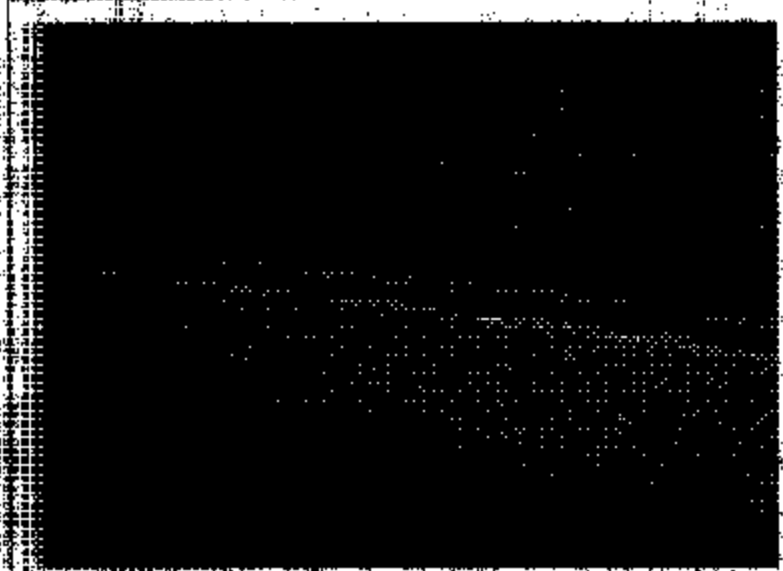
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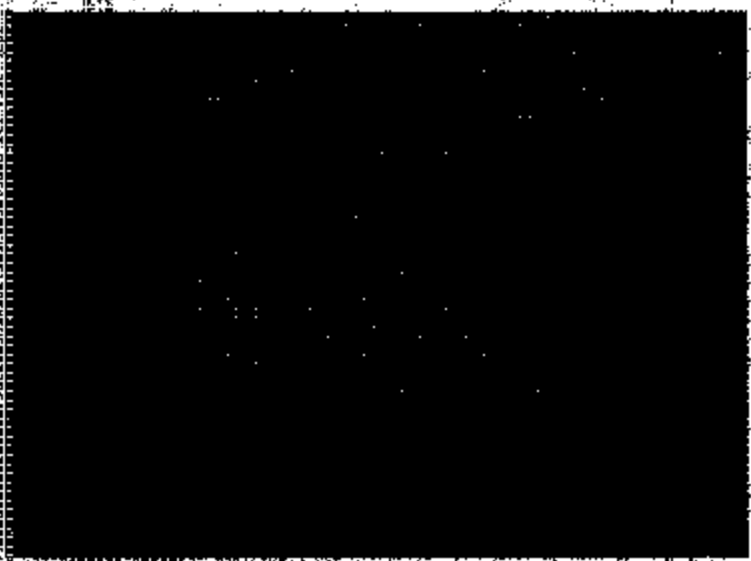
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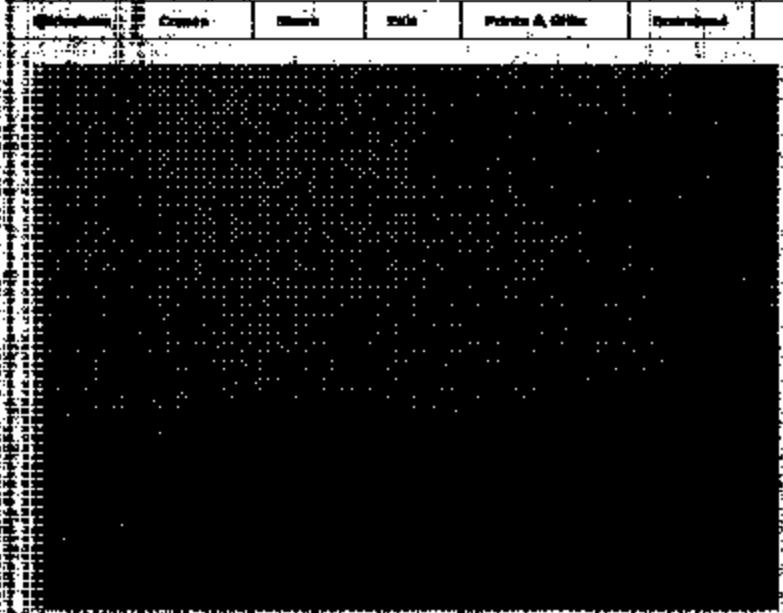
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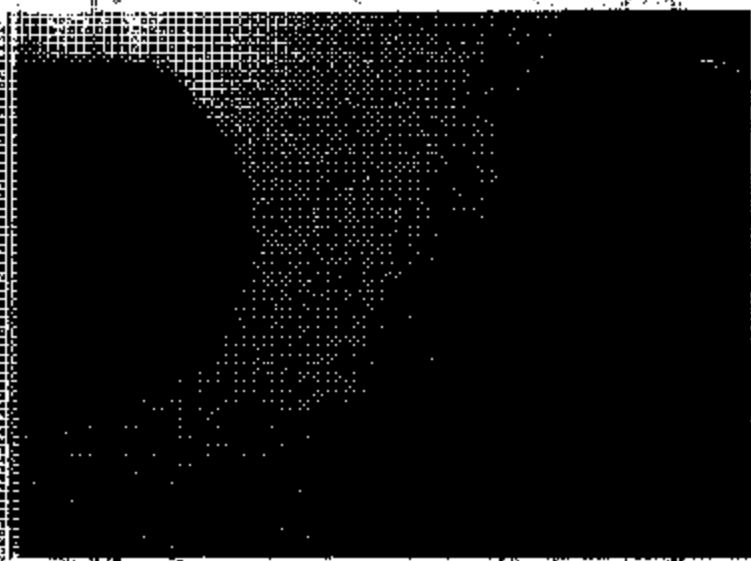
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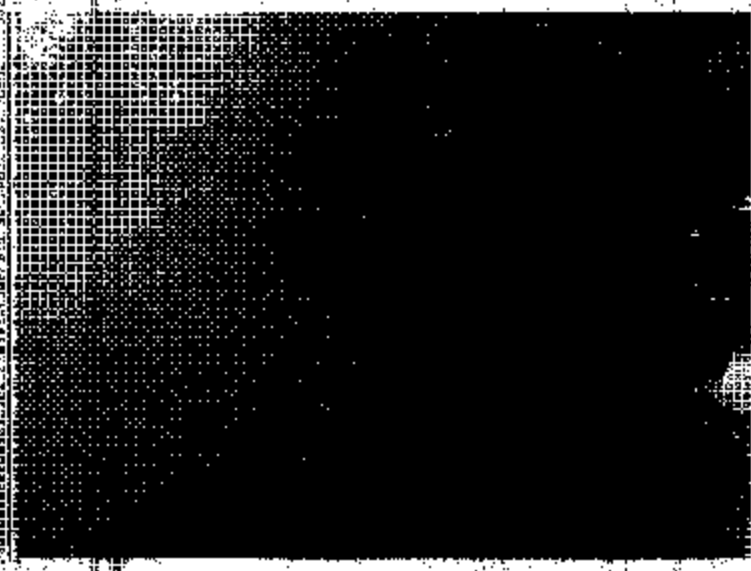
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 Print: 1200x800 DCM
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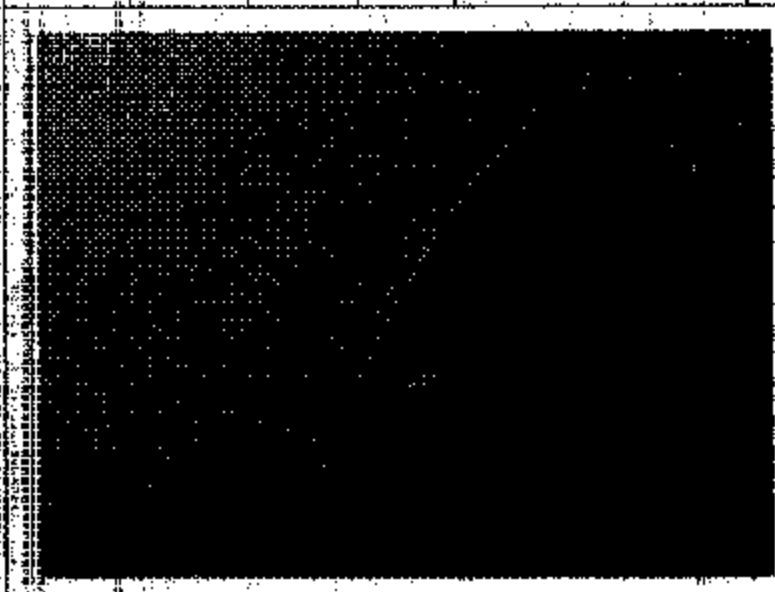
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 Model: FUJIFILM
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Posted - Dec 16 2006 : 9:18:06 PM

Can anyone tell me what year model Montanas were having the frame-flex problems. I have a 2002 3255RL with lots of road miles, and so far, I haven't noticed any indication of problems.

I have read numerous posts regarding this issue, and I am having thoughts of getting rid of my Montana before its too late. I feel sure that Keystone would not fix a 2002 model.

I really like my Montana, so please let me know what you think. Thank You.

2001 Montana 3255 RL, gasser, 5.5kw genset, 2003 Chevy 2500HD D/A, crew cab, Reese 16k slider hitch.

Posted - Dec 16 2006 : 9:25:59 PM

Your 2002 could be involved and could have been fixed. Call Keystone at 866-425-4369. Give them your Monty's VIN number and they can tell you if the upgrade has been made. If it hasn't I believe they will still fix it no charge.

Good luck

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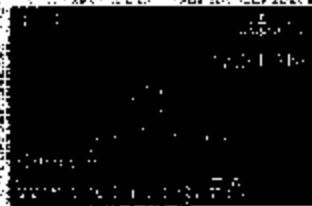


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We are using a 2005 white CMC Sierra BLE SECOND Extended Cab, Short Bed, 4X4
with the Duramax/AIRson Combo and Prestone Slide-Rite air bags
to drag around our 2007 Montana 3465SA
using a Furrite 16K SuperSlide Automatic Sliding Hitch

*"We must be willing to get rid of the life we've planned,
so as to have the life that is waiting for us"*

Your know you are retired when you wake up in the morning with
nothing to do and go to bed at night with it only half done.

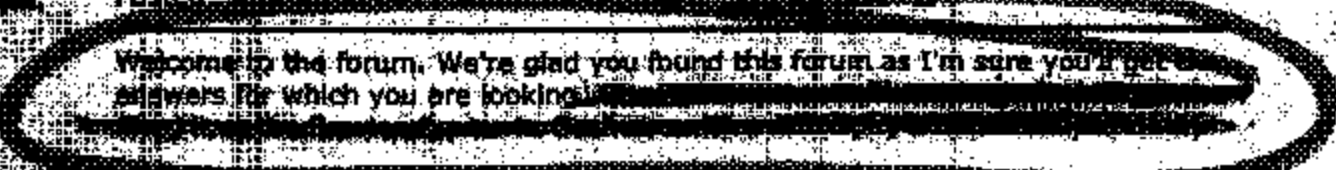
*BUT, keep in mind, doing nothing can be a very
thrilling job because your constant life to rest*



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...about backing up their protest. Glad to hear that you like your Montana so

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Traveling with Glen and Greta in our 2004 Dodge dually and Montana 3380 RL

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Member Since: 07/2006

Posted - Dec 17 2006 : 04:17:15 AM

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Spice,
If it is a 2002 model it has either already been fixed or it isn't going to have the problem. Not all models in those years had the problem. So if the rig has been on the road even a small amount of its life and you can't see any cracks then you probably won't ever have the problem.

But Glen's suggestion is a good one to find out if it has already been fixed.

Good luck.

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RYWheels@montanaowners.com

Bill and Ann
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Posted - Dec 17 2006 : 12:12:50 PM

...2004 Dodge problem and was fixed at the service center.

MON-1953

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2004 36' Flat Big Sky
2003 GMC 2500HD Crew Cab 4x4 Short Bed
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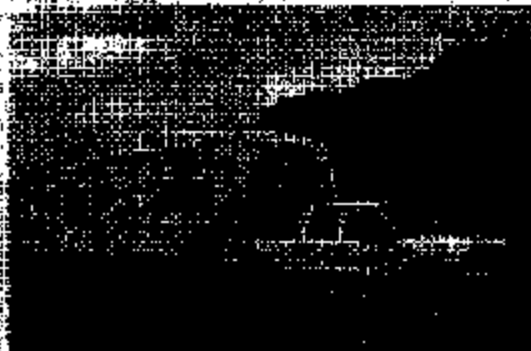
Posted - Dec 17 2006 : 4:56:02 PM

It appears in all models and years prior to about 2006 and maybe in some 2006 models. My stone fixed our 2003 at no charge. Even though it was a frame problem, I believe the frame was not the problem.

See another Montana or Mountaineer on the road? Flash lights twice, it might be one of us!

Steve Regal (pronounced Regal)
Fulltime since 3/21/03
'07 3400RE
'05 Ford F250 SD Lariat CC SB 6.0L PSD/TS FX4 4x4

One RV Travels (now Firefox-compatible)



Posted - Dec 17 2006 : 6:49:36 PM

Thank You for all the replies.

I had just wondering why only "certain" models in those years had the frame problem.

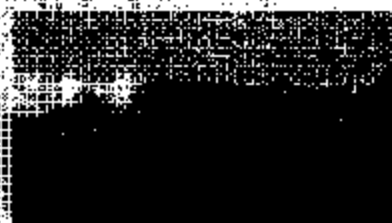
Will KeyStone be able to tell me if mine is at risk by the VIN Number.
I don't realize all year models were included up to 2006.
Thanks.

2002 Montana 3255 RL,
Generac 5.5kw genset,
2003 Chevy 2500HD D7A, crew cab, Reese 16k slider hitch

nonack
MOC 6283

Posted - Dec 17 2006 : 8:36:27 PM

Hi spruce, I have the exact same year/model as you. I too was not aware of this concern when I purchased mine used. I guess I need to check in with Keystone and hope we are Ok.
Clack



01 F250
03 F250 4x4 Lariat CC 6.0L PSD

Edited by - nonack on Dec 17 2006 8:37:26 PM

nonack
MOC 21

Posted - Dec 17 2006 : 10:33:16 PM

They can tell you by the vin if the fix has already been applied. If it has not, that leaves you at risk but does not necessarily mean you will have a problem. Some do and some don't. Also, it is on all models for those years.

See another Montana or Mountaineer on the road? Flash lights twice, it might be one of us!

Steve Regal (pronounced Regal)
Fighting since 3/21/03
02 F350
05 Ford F350 SD Lariat CC SB 6.0L PSD/TS FX4 4x4

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Posted - Dec 18 2006 : 2:32:01 PM

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2005 F350 PSD 4x4



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Author:
ed and carole

Topic:

Posted: Dec 18 2006 : 7:42:40 PM

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GP

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generac 5.5kw genset,
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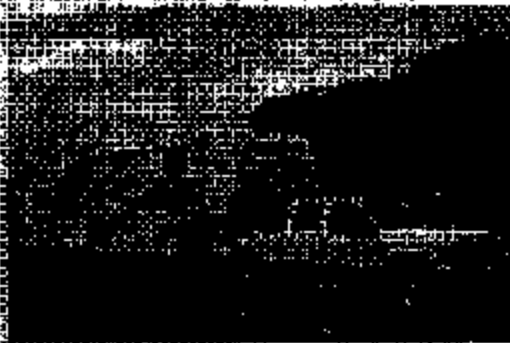
Posted: Dec 19 2006 : 09:39:31 AM

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Fallhiking since 3/21/03
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Edited by - shilde on Dec 19 2006 09:40:47 AM

Posted - Mar 28 2007 : 2:58:09 PM

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Bob A

Posted - Mar 28 2007 : 5:10:47 PM

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Rich, Nelson N, Ridgeville, Ohio.

4-38000; Lariat, V-10, 4:30 Diff, tow command Long bed, Crew Cab Dually, 06 3400RL
Star-Ride Pin Box



Posted: - Mar 28 2007 : 6:18:37 PM

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2006 Dodge 2500 MegaCab 4x4 Cummings

2007 Mountaineer 319BHD



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Originally posted by *bsadams*

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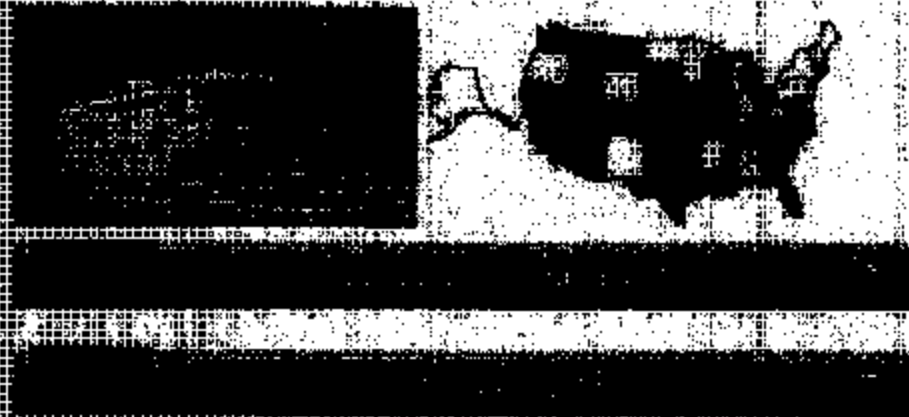
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Orv



Orv & Marga Schinke

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Posted: Mar 31 2007 ; 12:45:59 PM



2 hours ago, BUCKEYEGIRL, 3 posts, along with the dealer, that it had 5 welding joints on the
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3870RL with wheel
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Posted: Apr 02 2007 ; 10:19:36 PM

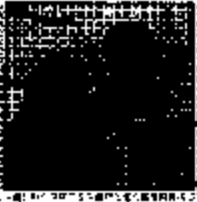


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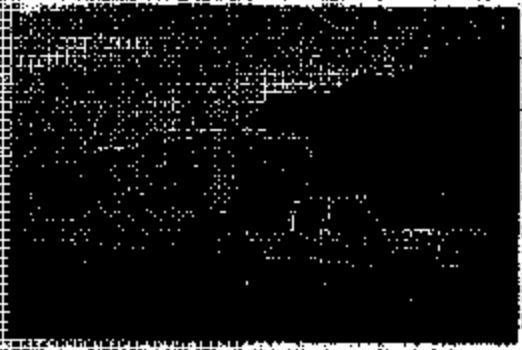


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Edited on: Apr 19, 2007

Topic

Topic Number: 99139

Subject: Montana Frame Problems

Posted on: Dec 16, 2006 9:18:06 PM

Message:

Can anyone tell me what year model Montanas were having the frame-flex problems. I have a 2002 325FR with lots of road miles, and so far, I haven't noticed any indication of problems.

I have read numerous posts regarding this issue, and I am having thoughts of getting rid of my Montana before its too late.

I feel certain Keystone would not fix a 2002 model.

I really like my Montana, so please let me know what you think.

Thank You.

Replies:

Reply Number: 99140 and 99141

Posted on: Dec 16, 2006 9:25:59 PM

Message:

Your 2002 could be involved and could have been fixed. Call Keystone at 866-425-4369. Give them your party's VIN number and they can tell you if the upgrade has been made. If it hasn't I believe they will still fix it no charge.

Good luck.

Reply Number:

Posted on: Dec 16, 2006 10:38:37 PM

Message:

Welcome to the forum. We're glad you found this forum as I'm sure you'll get the answers for your problem. I had the 2004 was out of warranty when Keystone fixed it at the Service Center. The Service Center is very good about backing up their product. Glad to hear that you are your problems so well.

Reply Author: R/V Models

Reply on: Dec 17 2006 08:17:15 AM

Message:

Spring

If it is a 2002 model it has either already been fixed or it isn't going to have the problem. Not all models in those years had the problem. So if the rig has been on the road even a small amount of its life and you can't see any cracks then you probably won't ever have the problem.

But Gann's suggestion is a good one to find out if it has already been fixed.

Good luck.

RVWheats

Reply on: Dec 17 2006 12:12:50 PM

Message:

Message:

It was the same problem and was fixed at the service centre

Reply on: Dec 17 2006 4:56:02 PM

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It happened in the 1980s and years prior to about 2006 and maybe in some 2006 models. I don't know if it is at no charge or if it is guaranteed they can't say enough, I believe the warranty is for life.

Reply on: Dec 17 2006 6:49:36 PM

Message:

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Thank you for all the replies.

I was just wondering why only "certain" models in those years had the frame problem.

Will you please be able to tell me if mine is at risk by the way number.

I didn't know all year models were included up to 2006.

Thank

Reply on: Dec 17 2006 8:35:27 PM

Message:

Message:

It looks like the super fine year model, as you I too was not aware of this concern when I purchased mine used. I guess I need to check in with Keystone and hope we are OK.
 Chuck

Reply without email

REPLY DATE: Dec 17 2006 10:33:16 PM

Message:

They contact you by the way if the fix has already been applied. If it has not, that leaves you at their mercy. Not necessarily mean you will have a problem. Some do and some don't. Also, it is an alarm for other years.

Reply without email

REPLY DATE: Dec 18 2006 1:32:01 PM

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 RATED: 000 Dec 18 2006 7:42:40 PM
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 RATED: 000 Dec 19 2006 09:39:51 AM
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Orv

Reply author: Art
Replied on: Mar 31 2007 12:45:59 PM
Message:

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Reply author: sreigle
Replied on: Apr 02 2007 10:19:36 PM
Message:

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MIXIN FRAME
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Reply author: rames14
Replied on: Apr 02 2007 10:31:02 PM
Message:

Steve -

Should I be looking at my 2005 3400 for cracks. I was aware of the earlier issue but knew that had been remedied. This problem is in the hitch area? We probably won't get Monty out this year until early May. Thanks in advance.

Reply author: Rocky2
Replied on: Apr 02 2007 11:01:50 PM
Message:

Steve
We have the same question.

We have the same year and model as you.

Laura

Reply author: bigred715
Replied on: Apr 05 2007 10:38:40 PM
Message:

We have a 2001 2880RL and it has the 10" beam for the support underneath. I don't see any flexing on the overhang as I checked it with the trailer hitched up. I do have the bedroom crack in the lower corner of the bedroom slide and didn't have any luck with the outfit that I was to contact for repairs recommended by the dealer.

Reply author: Ed and Carole
Replied on: Apr 06 2007 02:44:39 AM
Message:

We are having the same problem with our king pin box, the forward rectangler tubing beam that the pin box is welded to had metal fatigue and tore. When this happend the four inside corners of the pin box tore and caused the rig to drop from 8 inches above the truck side rails to 4 inches and the closet floor to raise 4 inches inside the rig. After noticing this problem on a trip last month in Mesa, AZ., we immediately stopped at a Montana dealer, who contacted Montana with no reply back. They then got a hold of Lippert who sent a rep out to check on it and then said we were past our warranty period by 6 months. They warranty it for 2 years, we have had our rig 2 1/2 years. We had it repaired by a outside welding company that put in a new beam and rectangler tubing at our cost, only to drive back to California and notice that there still is a flex problem. In contacting Team Montana they said since we bolted brackets on the back frame to hold a cargo basket for our 2 bicycles, that voided the warranty, and they will not fix the problem. From what I am reading this doesn't seem like a warranty problem, it is more like a recall type problem. Regardless, it is useless to us as is, so we have taken it to a RV Service Center near home and they have taken off the bottom undercovering under the king pin box area and exposed the pin box and raised the rig with a fork lift and it showed flex in the new rectangler steel beam that we had installed in Mesa. Now they are going to pull the front cap for more investigation. Any ideas as to how and who to call at Montana to help us with this problem. Team Montana or service adviser, Denny Marsh, isn't any help. They seem to not want to talk to us or answer emails. HELP!!

Reply author: sreigle

Replied on: Apr 07 2007 3:06:56 PM

Message:

Bigred715, starting with the 2003 models Keystone put an expansion joint at that corner to absorb the stress and eliminate the crack. That's been the fix on the older models, too. At the same time they've had the dealers drop the pan from the overhang and check for cracks or broken welds.

I still can't find that picture but will see if I can create another and edit this post to include the picture.

The arrows show where we saw the gaps when we had the overhang frame problem. Check all along that trim including the corners. You'll see where the trim is pulled away from the caulk line if you have this problem.



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Reply author: [REDACTED]

Replied on: Apr 08 2007 12:46:01 AM

Message:

You are right on target. Where the arrows are is where the caulking separated from the angle

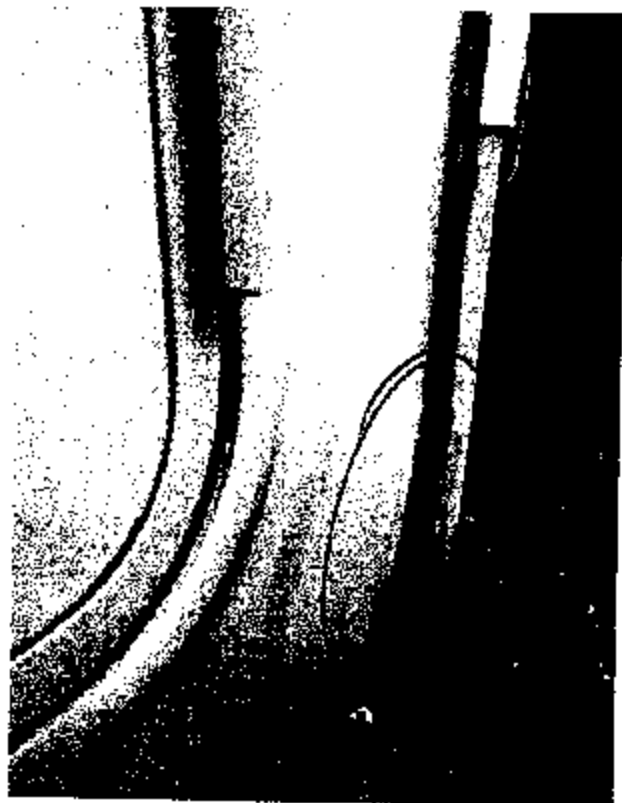
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Reply author: sreigle

Replied on: Apr 08 2007 09:49:34 AM

Message:

I ran across another picture showing the gap at the lower corner, when hitched up. This was on our 2003 3295RK, not our 2007 3400RL. We've had no problem of this sort with the 2007.



Reply author: sreigle

Replied on: Apr 08 2007 10:55:05 AM

Message:

Ron and Laura, I would just check that area when I hitch up. Just keep an eye on it. I think it's really a small percentage that have had the problem but hopefully this will tell you what to watch for.

We also noticed on our 2003 when it had this problem that the dresser dropped about a quarter inch where it butted up against the closet wall, below the television cabinet. We could tell it dropped because the dresser was a quarter inch below the caulking. But it came back up when unhitched. Others may not do this but it's something else to watch for.

Reply author: patodonn

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Folks contemplating putting on a rear hitch to haul bikes might want to consider Ed and Carol's input..

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Topic author: Art**Subject:** Broken Welds In Front!**Posted on:** Nov 06 2006 7:36:19 PM**Message:**

I wanted to thank the members who told me to go to my dealership over a dresser counter top that sunk about 1 inch in the upper bedroom on my 2003 Montana fifth wheel. The dealership found two broken welds between the side studs and the floor plate on the driver's side and 4-5 more broken welds on the curb side. The dealership took pictures and forwarded them to the factory. The dealership was waiting to see if the factory wanted the repairs to occur locally or back at the factory. The only thing that I can say is "keep an eye on the front corners of the Montana and, if something shifts, contact your dealership/factory. Thanks again!

Replies:

Reply author: AZCampin fool**Replied on:** Nov 06 2006 7:55:26 PM**Message:**

Wow!! Pretty scary. Be sure to keep us all informed on the outcome. At least you noticed this before it got worse or caused the unthinkable.

Reply author: jrgwdenner**Replied on:** Nov 06 2006 7:58:53 PM**Message:**

Art, another symptom is front molding that keeps separating for no apparent reason. Or a bedroom slide that is cockeyed. We got ours fixed at the factory.

Reply author: bsmeaton**Replied on:** Nov 06 2006 8:27:00 PM**Message:**

I am so sorry to hear that Art (*my worst nightmare*).

Keep in mind, at this point hitching up and towing will only aggravate the damage now pushing up inbetween the walls. Continued road travel will put extreme stress on the

THIS IS WHAT IS HAPPENING TO [REDACTED]

bedroom slide (develop cracks in the fylon siding), forward closet and TV cabinet area. The weight of the trailer pushing down while the floor pushes up will continue to destroy the interior. If possible, find out if Keystone will ship it to the factory! They offered on mine on a flatbed to the factory for a much more minor frame problem.

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frame on 3475

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Printed on: May 08 2007

Topic:

Topic author: ll camper

Subject: frame on 3475

Posted on: Apr 04 2007 12:12:43 PM

Message:

what and where do you look to find out about broken frame and also i am haveing trouble with the remote therostatic . any help would be appreciated thank you darrell

Replies:

Reply author: hazmic

Replied on: Apr 04 2007 6:27:06 PM

Message:

What year is your 3475? I have a 06 and there has been, that I know of, no frame problems. The remote thermostat should have been replaced a while back by the dealer. There has been many posts on both problems. They replaced a board in the air conditioner. Also a new thermostat on the wall. Ours was replaced and works great now. On the frame you might e-mail MIMF2 and ask him. With the smooth?????? roads we have today it's a wonder ANY frame holds up. Good luck

Reply author: ken

Replied on: Apr 04 2007 7:11:37 PM

Message:

The frame problems were on the earlier 2000-2002 models. I know of no one that is having problems with the later models. WE have the 2005 3475 and have had no problems with it. Keystone did replace our duotherm thermostat by replacing the board in the ac and a new thermostat on the wall. Our dealer ordered it and replaced everything.

Reply author: mobilrvn

Replied on: Apr 04 2007 10:10:20 PM

Message:

Our '04 3575 sure had a frame problem. If you read other forums, you will find that many manufacturers who use Lippert frames like Keystone have had frame problems. The easiest way to check for a frame problem is to check the corners where the frame angles down from the bedroom overhang area while you have the 5W hooked to the tow vehicle with the weight off the

legs. You will see movement along the trim where it pulls away from the side. Also watch the hitchpin as you go down the road for excessive movement--more than 1/2" Good luck, there have been lots of discussion regarding this problem. Search for "frame flex".

Reply author: sreigle

Replied on: Apr 04 2007 10:11:31 PM

Message:

Del, there was a frame problem with early year models with the 8 inch frame. That's what Ken is referring to.

There was also a problem with some FW's in the overhang area. Is that what you are referring to? The problem only occurred in a relatively small number of them. The fix was to add gusseting (spelling?) to beef up the overhang area. Montanas starting with sometime in the 2006 model year run have that additional gusseting from the beginning. There should be no problem with those.

If you think you have the overhang problem, you'll see some separation of the trim along the bottom of the overhang, either on the horizontal piece or the vertical piece that runs down near the front locker door. Our 2003 had a gap where that vertical trim piece turned the corner to head across the front of the rig. It also had some separation at the horizontal trim piece on the side of the overhang. Last, we could see where the dresser dropped below the caulk line maybe a quarter inch, where the dresser meets the closet wall. This is on a 2003 model. Newer models may not have the dresser in that position. In all cases, the gap, or separation, is identifiable only when hitched with the weight on the pin. If you have this, contact Keystone. Phone, don't email.

Awhile back I posted a picture with arrows showing where to look but I cannot find that picture. I have search this laptop high and low.

Reply author: timandsusan

Replied on: Apr 05 2007 10:24:47 AM

Message:

Our 2006 3475 is doing just fine. We towed it about 7000 miles the first year. The only issue was the Dometic refrig that was replace free at Camping World. No frame problems or thermostat problems.

Reply author: KBLH

Replied on: Apr 05 2007 11:27:28 AM

Message:

We had problems with the remote thermostat and it was replaced with a wall unit when we had some minor things taken care of. No charge to us....works like a dream now.

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Adding a rear hitches for bikes?

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Printed on: Apr 24 2007

Topic:

Topic author: patodonn

Subject: Adding a rear hitches for bikes?

Posted on: Apr 08 2007 12:51:51 PM

Message:

If you are contemplating adding on a hitch at the rear for bikes, check out the Montana Tech Problems Section, page 3 of TOPIC_ID=19139 in a post by Ed and Carol. Not a welcomed bit of info re Keystone warranty policies.●

Replies:

Reply author: sailer

Replied on: Apr 22 2007 11:29:51 PM

Message:

call craig at keystone as they don't want any bikes on the ladders as no warrenty on the glass if it breaks and it will . he said put a hitch on the back,, he even suggested the rear bumper they put on the cougar but it slides in and out but is expensive and heavy,, if you weld to the frame the warrenty is void but you can bolt as that will move as the unit moves,, call customer service,,
craig

Reply author: Glenn and Lorraine

Replied on: Apr 23 2007 06:22:50 AM

Message:

I have built a bike rack for the 3485 out of tubular steel. Square stock with holes in it. Bought it at Lowes. Mounted it between the rear stabilizer jacks and the frame on each side and only had to drill 2 holes in the frame, one on either side.

The steel portion that the bikes actually set on was purchased at a yard sale but it could also have been built from the same steel as the remainder of the rack. These two pieces are removable by pulling 2 pins on either side.

Also note the cross member that extends from one side to the other reenforcing the entire rack.

The tubular steel is available in 2 sizes allowing the pieces to telescope into each other.

<http://i89.photobucket.com/albums/k204/fulltimingit/ShoNTell/BikeRack1.jpg>

<http://i89.photobucket.com/albums/k204/fulltimingit/ShoNTell/BikeRack2.jpg>

<http://i89.photobucket.com/albums/k204/fulltimingit/ShoNTell/BikeRack3.jpg>

<http://i89.photobucket.com/albums/k204/fulltimingit/ShoNTell/BikeRack4.jpg>

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<http://189.photobucket.com/albums/k204/fulltlimingit/ShoNTell/BikeRack5.jpg>

Reply author: Emmel
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 08:23:20 AM
Message:

☺Great idea Glenn, looks like the way to go! I've been looking for a way to put a small bike hitch back there and I will get a firsthand look at it in a couple weeks!

Reply author: Ozz
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 09:24:11 AM
Message:

Pretty slick, Glenn. Looks nice as well.
Ozz

Reply author: Dave e Victoria
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 09:38:50 AM
Message:

Neat!

Reply author: Delaine and Lindy
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 09:50:19 AM
Message:

Dave and Victoria have a Cambridge and Dave had a rear bike hitch mounted as part of their deal. I'm sure Dave would be glad to give you information on the install. Our Cambridge has such a large basement storage we just remove the front wheels and roll them in and they are then secured with bike clamps we got at the bike shop. I believe it took some skills to design the hitch due to the fact the Cambridge has a fully inclosed belly. You aren't able to get to the frame without the removal of a section. Not sure how the Montana's are inclosed. It looks like as Glenn has a good idea also, very professional looking. Maybe he should get a patent. GBY...

Reply author: jrgwdenner
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 10:36:36 AM
Message:

That looks really good, Glenn. Nice job!

Reply author: Dave e Victoria
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 12:18:30 PM
Message:

MONTANA

Our Cambridge and our previous 3295RK have both had rear hitches installed by the dealer. I believe both are pretty standard hitches bolted to the frame. The only complication on the cambridge is that it is installed a fair distance forward to clear the rear cap. So, the dealer welded a short extender on the hitch so it comes agout even with the back of the coach.

Actually, I would prefer the way Glen solved the problem as it looks more stable than the hitch mounted carrelr.
Dave

Reply author: bsmeaton
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 12:21:01 PM
Message:

I like that Glenn - sure a nice and simple alternative to trying the reciever route.

Reply author: Sunnyside
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 8:49:29 PM
Message:

FWIW, after debating for a while on how to carry our bikes (I want to use the slide out tray that came with our Mountaineer for fire wood ☺) I ran across this and decided to use it to install the bike carrier on the front of the truck.

Jim

Reply author: bigred715
Replied on: Apr 23 2007 11:20:52 PM
Message:

I'm going to haul my bikes up front also and got a frame mount from J.C. Whitney for \$129 including free freight. Four bolts and it was done. Can't hardly see it.

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Montana ladder/bike rack

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Printed on: May 08 2007

Topic:

Topic author: John and Carol

Subject: Montana ladder/bike rack

Posted on: Mar 23 2007 8:30:02 PM

Message:

It was an accident waiting to happen, I guess. We have a bike rack from Camping World designed to hold bikes on the rear ladder. We were about 1,000+ miles down the road from Colorado, bouncing on the awful concrete Interstate highways in Louisiana when a trucker passed and honked. John looked in his rear view mirror and the bikes didn't seem to be right. About 4-5 miles later we were able to pull over and found that 5 of the places the ladder attached to the unit had broken and the bikes and ladder were hanging on at only one spot. Thank God they hadn't fallen off on the road and caused an obstacle to other drivers--and perhaps a serious accident. We also thank God the ladder didn't give way when John climbed onto the roof.

We have a short-bed truck and are now looking for a bike rack that fits on the front of the truck. Wish Montana's had rear hitches or bumper to hold our bikes.

Replies:

Reply author: SlickWillie

Replied on: Mar 23 2007 8:57:14 PM

Message:

I see lots of folks with a step ladder attached to the roof access ladder on their fivers. I have been a little hesitant to tie my ladder there, and after your post, there ain't no way I will. It'll go in the basement storage, or it'll stay at the home base.

Reply author: richfaa

Replied on: Mar 23 2007 9:06:56 PM

Message:

I have one..It is coming off the 3400, It spits of the rack being securely attached to the camper ladder and the bikes being securely attached to the ladder after @5K towing miles we have several loose screws that attach the ladder to the camper..It is my fault I should have known better.. This Montana will have a rear hitch for the bikes. Oh it was those horrible roads in Louisiana that did the ladder in..Worst roads I have ever driven on anywhere.We will go out of our way to avoid Louisiana in the future.

Reply author: bsmeaton
Replied on: Mar 23 2007 9:09:33 PM
Message:

Thank you so much for the post John and Carol!

I've wondered about how much those ladders could take. I see all kinds of stuff attached to them.

Reply author: Delaine and Lindy
Replied on: Mar 23 2007 9:50:29 PM
Message:

Sorry to hear about the ladder issue. I have seen many ladders tied to the rear ladder. I always thought it wasn't a good idea. That's what's great about our Cambridge our basement is very large. We have a Cosco ladder and our two bikes with the front wheels removed, our bikes are stored in the upright position. I agree there should be a rear hitch for the Montana's to carry the bikes. Good Luck. GBY.....

Reply author: hasics
Replied on: Mar 23 2007 10:09:59 PM
Message:

Rich how will you put a hitch on your montana since it all inclosed? I would also like to put one on mine to carry a couple of bikes. I have seen other ladders that have come off from carrying bikes. let us know how to do it when you get it done

Reply author: richfaa
Replied on: Mar 23 2007 10:18:38 PM
Message:

There are plenty of MOC'ers that have had hitches installed. I know Ozz did and posted pictures. It takes a bit of modification but is not difficult. I have no idea how to do it myself. I will take it to a hitch shop, point at the rear of the Montana and say..make a hitch appear there!!! ●

Reply author: hasics
Replied on: Mar 23 2007 10:28:07 PM
Message:

Thanks for the info Rich. I will just have to find a hitch shop. and I will look up ozz's pic.

Reply author: Carl n Susan
Replied on: Mar 23 2007 11:48:25 PM
Message:

san)

quote:

Originally posted by hasics

... i will just have to find a hitch shop. and i will look up ozz's pic.

Here in CA, every hitch shop I found refused to install a hitch unless the hitch manufacturer listed the Montana as an approved vehicle (can you say "liability" folks.) The number of hitch manufacturers (apparently there is really only one who now owns the big three) who approve their hitch on a Montana is (drumroll please) zero.

So, hypothetically of course as the frame police are always around, if you wanted to install a hitch suitable for carrying bicycles, you would obtain a Hidden Hitch Model 82201 (advertised as an adjustable width hitch up to 72" for motor homes). This is a Class II (300lbs) tongue weight hitch (the same hitch at 40" wide is rated as a Class III (500 lbs.) hitch. They are available at various web sites for about \$250. I would try your local hitch supplier and see if they will match the price. You will also need an extension (about 12") as, once installed, the receiver will be a fair distance from the end of the trailer.

Installation, again we are talking hypothetically, is fairly trivial. No welding is required (and believe me when you look under there, you will see why it isn't a good idea). You will have to drill four 1/2" holes (use a step drill, it goes quick). The hardest part is figuring out where to drill the four holes. A little bit of exploratory surgery at the inside edge of the black plastic under panel about 12" forward of the rear cap edge will expose the end of the frame. (if this is confusing maybe you could send a PM to someone who has done it - whoever that might be).

The hitch comes with four steel blocks (the four bolts will go through them)which provide frame re-enforcement. They need to be ground down a touch (1/8th of an inch if I were guessing) as the frame is slightly narrower than the blocks.

Oz's 3400 had just enough room to install the hitch without moving the rear supports. On a 2955, you would have to move the jacks forward about 4" (in a hypothetical installation of course). Moving the jacks is no big deal, a little trim on the sheet metal and the four 1/4 bolt holes are a non-issue after making the 1/2" ones.

If you are interested in more information on this hypothetical project, let me know. I

might be able to find some creative Photo Shop pictures of what the install would look like (if one had actually occurred)

Carl (& Susan) Youngren

Reply author: pparamore
Replied on: Mar 24 2007 02:15:19 AM
Message:

OKAY'D BY KEYSTONIAN WARRANTY DEPT. SUPERVISOR

For those of you interested, I posted an earlier thread about a discussion I had with Keystone Warranty dept in regards to the bicycle rack. I spoke with the supervisor (whose name eludes me now), about attaching a receiver hitch to carry a bicycle mount. He stated that a receiver hitch welded to the rear with two welded supports at an angle from the side rails would be sufficient. He also stated no more that 200 lbs be attached to this hitch, No motorcycle, no towing, or anything heavier that 200 lbs. I will try and look up his name tomorrow.....

Reply author: bsmeaton
Replied on: Mar 24 2007 02:35:02 AM
Message:

Carl,

My hypothetical hitch shop didn't hesitate to install my Class III receiver on my 2955. Rather than move the jacks forward, they get welded underneath the hitch. Dare say it carried a trifle more than 200 lbs.

Brad

Reply author: patodonn
Replied on: Mar 24 2007 04:38:28 AM
Message:

We have a hitch, had it done by a good shop in the FL panhandle back in '04. No problems. We had previously carried our bikes on a ladder rack...I just didn't feel safe re that set-up.

We do carry our portable ladder attached in 4 places to our RV rear ladder. WAY lighter than the bikes, and four attachment places vs really only one for the earlier bike carrier set-up. I feel very safe with that.

Reply author: richfaa
Replied on: Mar 24 2007 09:43:23 AM
Message:

There is a 3400 a couple of rows over from us (from Canada) who had a hitch installation that sounds a lot like the one Carl describes by looking at it I will go up later and take a picture or two.

Also had a chat with a Keystone folk some time ago who who admitted that the only reason there was not a hitch on the Montana was because of the rear cap and the added expense of OEM installing one. (Is the mountaineer frame stronger???)Why is the frame warranty not voided on the mountaineer because it had a OEM hitch installed.

Reply author: Jetson

Replied on: Mar 26 2007 3:53:38 PM

Message:

A place called Smitty's RV & Welding in Houston made my hitch. They said it was easier on the frame to tow a small utility trailer if you were going to carry more than 300 lbs. The weight stresses the frame by bouncing up and down, but the trailer pulls and pushes on the RV frame, which is less stress on the frame rails.

They built my hitch by welding 2 beams between the frame rails, one center beam running parallel to the frame rails where the receiver is attached.

Reply author: Trailer Trash 2

Replied on: Mar 26 2007 4:26:36 PM

Message:

I'll put in my 2 cents worth, if I were to install a bike carrier on any part of my TV or trailer, it would be on the front of the truck, they have some really nice bolt-on units with a 2"x2" receiver, the reason? I can watch and see what my bikes are doing as far as road bounce goes, in the rear of the trailer they will bounce all over the place and eventually do damage to the ladder which was not designed to be a carrier of bikes, it is hardly able to hold the weight of a person climbing up it to get on the roof.

I also had the same thing happen to me as you did, but mine were in 2" x 2" a receiver attached to the rear of the trailer, and a factory bike carrier made for that receiver. I was wondering why when everybody passed me I received that "LOOK" so after stopping I decided to check, one bike was holding the other from falling good thing for tie wraps and bungee cords.

Reply author: Carl n Susan

Replied on: Mar 26 2007 11:19:39 PM

Message:

quote:

Originally posted by Trailer Trash 2

<snip>

If I were to install a bike carrier on any part of my TV or trailer, it would be on the front of the truck, they have some really nice bolt-on units with a 2"x2" receiver

</snip>

This reminded me that I went down the front receiver hitch road myself before trying other solutions. What they don't tell you until much later is if you have a Ford truck (that be me), you loose the license plate mount (the CA Highway Patrol frowns on this) and your fog lights. And that "bolt-on" installation is *AFTER* you remove the bumper.

The front mount was my first choice but I walked away based on the above challenges along with the potential the bikes would obscure the headlights at night.

Carl (& Susan) Youngren

Reply author: Wandering Star
Replied on: Mar 27 2007 11:49:29 AM
Message:

I may be wrong or right but have found the easiest way to transport our two bikes is to put them inside the trailer. Out of site out of mind. They are not that heavy that two people can't maneuver them inside. Use an old quilt to wrap them up so as not to scratch or dirty the furniture. Been doing it for six years now and no problems.
Jon

Reply author: simonsrf
Replied on: Mar 27 2007 12:27:58 PM
Message:

I have to agree about carrying them inside. We have a tandem bicycle (built for two) that we carry inside while traveling. It did take some figuring, but we are able to nestle it next to the couch and when the slides are pulled in, the bike is secured very nicely. We put a throw rug over the pedals so there is no chance of scratching anything. This solution has worked perfectly for us.

Reply author: Trailer Trash 2
Replied on: Mar 27 2007 5:17:49 PM
Message:

Well I found this on the Internet and nothing was said about removing the bumper. I hope it will assist you in your search.☺

http://www.hitches-forless.com/front_mount/frontmount_main.htm

Reply author: saller
Replied on: Mar 27 2007 10:47:58 PM
Message:

The name at keystone is Craig and he says no to the ladder hitch but put on a dif hitch, they offered 1 once but it was a hassel he said so they droped it ,, they need it bad

Reply author: Carl n Susan

Replied on: Mar 27 2007 11:13:34 PM

Message:

quote:

Originally posted by Trailer Trash 2

Well I found this on the Internet and nothing was said about removing the bumper.

That was my point. After it arrived and I read the installation instructions is when the realization came. I thought it was a bit tacky to not mention these details earlier. The hitch I ordered was a Hidden Hitch. The one in the link you provided is a Draw-Tite. They look identical (and the same company owns them).

And sure enough if you page down far enough on the provided link, you find the listing for 99-07 Ford 250/350 Super Duty says:

Draw-Tite Front Mount Receiver Hitch Fits:

Ford F-250 & F-350 Super Duty

Important Notes:

AA: Requires temporary removal of bumper during installation

KI: Optional OEM Fog Lights must be removed for receiver installation.

At least this site gives you a hint of what is to come. The one I ordered from didn't. Too late now for me, I went with a different approach.

Carl (& Susan) Youngren

Reply author: sreigle

Replied on: Mar 27 2007 11:53:34 PM

Message:

We put 20,000 miles on a Montana with two adult mountain bikes on a ladder bike rack and never had even a loose screw. But hearing these stories would make me wary of doing that again. We gave the bikes to our kids after we found that in the first year of fulltiming we used the bikes only twice. And they were a pain when I needed to climb onto the roof. So they were history.

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