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Re: Inadequate Braking Complaint

In February of 2007 I purchased a used 2005 Safari Simba Motor Home (v.i.n. # 5B4LP57G353 [REDACTED]) from Lazy Days RV Center located in Florida. Shortly thereafter I notified the Salesperson that I had purchased it from that the brakes were not working properly. I returned the vehicle to the dealership for repairs and they informed me that they could not do anything as they considered the braking range normal for the coach.

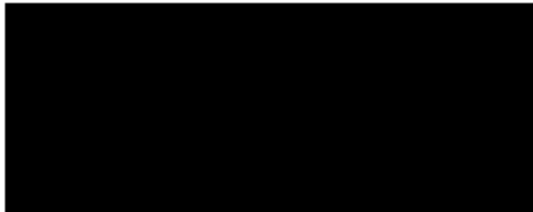
I returned home to New Jersey and contacted the manufacturer of the coach, Monaco Corp. and was told to contact Workhorse Co., the manufacturer of the chassis. Workhorse authorized me to take the vehicle to Gallo GMC Truck located in Vineland NJ where they decided to do a complete brake system. The Service Manager told me that he was not satisfied with the result and was going to have the weight checked to see if it was in the correct weight class. He then told me that the coach was in the right class but the brakes were not.

In October I attended a meeting in Virginia of the Work Horse Motor Home Club where I spoke to a Technician who told me that Work Horse was aware of the problem and that they had discontinued the P-30 chassis. I was also able to take Mr. Alan Stegich, Director of Service for Work Horse for a test drive. Mr. Stegich could not offer any solution. I have subsequently found out the previous owner the Coach also had a concern and had the vehicle in for service.

I am formally requesting that you investigate the braking systems on these vehicles. If the P-30 chassis is defective I do not want to be held liable for an accident or death caused by these faulty brakes.

Kindly keep me informed during the course of your investigation and feel free to contact me should you have any specific questions.

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