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U. S. Department of Transportation

Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: 2007 GulfStream BT Cruiser Model 5290, Class C. Recreational Vehicle

VIN#1DFX45P86D [REDACTED]

Gentlemen:

In November of 2007 I purchased new the recreational vehicle referenced above and have discovered what I believe to be a potential life threatening safety hazard.

The inside tires of this vehicle are coming in contact with the frame the coach is constructed on. This vehicle is on a Ford E450 chassis and has been inspected by a representative of Ford and based on that inspection it was determined that the frame which is taking the impact is not the Ford chassis frame and is in fact the frame the coach frame supporting same. I had taken two trips prior to my discovery of the problem.

The damage occurred to the frame and inside tire walls while using the vehicle on trips while totally empty, no load other than diesel fuel, propane and very small amount of water. I took into consideration the necessity to properly distribute the weight in the compartments so designated for loading and storage.

In an effort to determine what possibly caused the damage I then had the vehicle weighed empty, which disclosed overweight for UVW of 507 pounds when compared to weight information from manufacturer. When loaded the vehicle only exceeded 50 pounds over GVWR, with a shift of weight over on rear axle exceeding Ford specifications by 530 pounds.

Loaded weight was with $\frac{3}{4}$ diesel fuel, $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ propane, minimal clothing and other necessary items, not to exceed specification weight load. Loaded weight was reflective of empty water tank, empty grey and black water tanks, and empty water heater.

I then had this vehicle inspected by TXDot, by dealer I purchased it from, and by a company to check the suspension. All determined that this vehicle was not "road worthy and definitely a safety hazard."

This problem may be unique to only this one RV and then again may not. Manufacturer has indicated they may need to modify it by moving the generator to another location, by changing the wheel well dimensions, or possibly replacing the frame the coach is mounted on.

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My concern is for the safety of other GulfStream RV owners who may not be aware of the possible tire damage or danger of accident potential resulting from thinking, after proper diligence that there is no overload of GVWR specifications.

At this point, I feel GulfStream is willing to correct the problem specifically with this coach. We have not yet decided on a workable solution as to how it will be fixed at this time. I will not accept a re-constructed RV.

In the meantime, if there are other owners with the same model, possibly with the same safety issue, loss of life could occur. If this is a design error, without full consideration of placement of storage compartments and other equipment such as furnace, water heater, and generator and how, when coach is loaded by owner may cause or would shift the weight unnecessarily to the back axles.

I trust I have given you enough of an explanation and enclosed enough in the way of documentation to allow you to consider this warrants attention for any other Gulfstream BT Cruiser owner who purchased a model of this design.

Thank you for your consideration.

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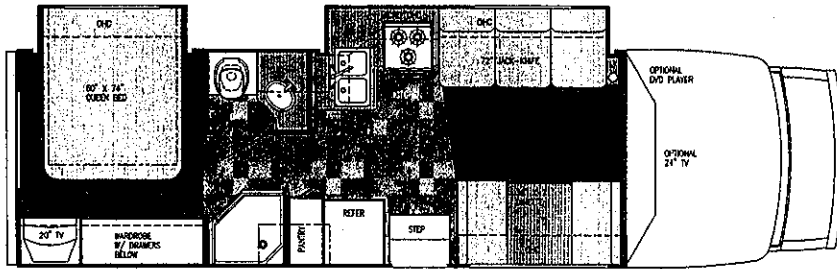
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Enclosures

MODEL 5290



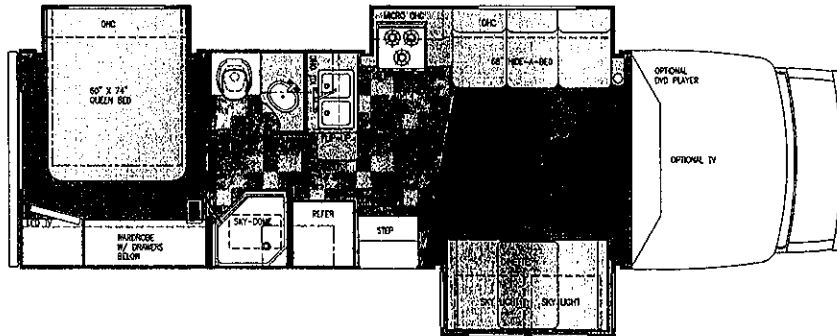
Specifications

Chassis	Ford E-450
Engine	V-10, 6.8 Liter
GVWR	14,050
Wheelbase	208"
Length	30' 6"
Exterior Height	10' 4"
Exterior Width	96"
Interior Height	77"
Interior Width	91.25"

Capacities

Fuel	55 Gal.
Black	30 Gal.
Grey	38 Gal.
Fresh	38 Gal.
LP Gas Tank	42 Lbs.
Furnace	30,000 btu.
Water Heater	6 Gal.
Basement Storage	43.1 cu. ft.

MODEL 5291



Specifications

Chassis	Ford E-450
Engine	V-10, 6.8 Liter
GVWR	14,050
Wheelbase	208"
Length	30' 6"
Exterior Height	10' 4"
Exterior Width	96"
Interior Height	77"
Interior Width	91.25"

Capacities

Fuel	55 Gal.
Black	30 Gal.
Grey	38 Gal.
Fresh	38 Gal.
LP Gas Tank	42 Lbs.
Furnace	30,000 btu.
Water Heater	6 Gal.
Basement Storage	39.75 cu. ft.

CHASSIS

- 138" WB FORD E-35, V-10, 6.8 L ENG., 35 GAL FUEL TANK, POWER WINDOWS & LOCKS (5211)
- 158" WB, FORD E-45 V-10, 6.8L ENG., 55 GAL FUEL TANK POWER LOCKS & WINDOWS (NA 5211)

Exterior

- SLIDE OUT ROOM (SOFA) (5272)
- SLIDE OUT ROOM (BEDROOM) (5272 5290 5291)
- SLIDE OUT ROOM (KITCHEN/SOFA) (5231 5290 5291)
- ATRIUM SLIDE OUT ROOM (DINETTE) (5291)
- WELDED ALUMINUM CAGE
- FIBERGLASS FRONT CAP & WINGS
- FIBERGLASS REAR CAP
- LAMINATED FLOOR STEEL FRAME FLOOR W/METAL UNDERBELLY
- SLIDE OUT TOPPER (5231)
- (2) SLIDE OUT TOPPERS (5272 5290)
- (3) SLIDE OUT TOPPERS (5291)
- REAR WINDOW (5272 5290 5291)
- RADIUS TINTED WINDOWS
- STAINLESS STEEL WHEEL INSERTS
- ACRYLIC ENTRY DOOR ASSIST BAR
- FOAM SEAL & UNDERCOATING

Decor

- HARD ROCK MAPLE INTERIOR W/M&T DOORS
- FABRIC CEILING
- WINDOW TREATMENTS
- OVERHEAD READING LIGHTS
- FLUORESCENT LIGHT OVER KITCHEN SINK

Heating & Cooling

- DASH A/C
- 11,000 BTU LOW PROFILE DUCTED AC (5211 5231)
- 15,000 BTU LOW PROFILE DUCTED AC (5272 5290 5291)
- 25,000 BTU FURNACE (5211 5231)
- 30,000 BTU FURNACE (5272 5290 5291)

Bath

- BI-FOLD SHOWER DOOR & SURROUND (5211 5231)
- NEO-ANGLE GLASS SHOWER DOOR (5272 5290 5291)
- POWER BATH VENT

Electrical

- TV CABINET
- CD PLAYER
- PLATINUM LIGHTS IN BEDROOM (5272 5290 5291)
- MONITOR PANEL
- GENERATOR SWITCH & HOUR METER
- TV ANTENNA W/AMP & BOOST

Furnishings

- 2-WAY D/P SEATS
- D/S SOFA (NA 5291)
- P/S SOFA (5211 5231)
- D/S H-A-B SOFA (5291)
- SINGLE BARREL CHAIR (PS)(5272)
- P/S DINETTE & DS JACK KNIFE SOFA (5290)
- DINETTE BOOTH BED (PS) (5291)

Appliances

- OTR CONVECTION MICROWAVE W/3-BURNER TOP
- 6 GAL ELECTRONIC IGNITION WATER HEATER W/BY-PASS VALVE
- SM. 2-WAY DBL DOOR REFER
- LP GAS TANK
- CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTOR
- LP LEAK DETECTOR

Power

- AUXILIARY BATTERY
- CONVERTER W/CHARGER & AUTO CHANGE OVER KIT
- GENERATOR PREP
- BATTERY DISCONNECT
- 30' POWER CORD



24 HR. EMERGENCY ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

- One Year Coach-Net Membership
- Towing and Winching
- Flat Tire Change
- Mobile Mechanic
- Delivery of emergency funds
- Jump-Start Battery Boost
- Lockout

Popular Options

- ☐ TOURING PACKAGE UPGRADE (REQ) FIBERGLASS RUNNING BOARDS FIBERGLASS ROOF HARDWOOD STILES ELECTRIC STEP H-DUAL DUCT SYSTEM
- ☐ XL UPGRADE PACKAGE (NA 5211) WOOD DASH (Ford Only) FLUORESCENT LIGHTING SOLID SURFACE KITCHEN COUNTERTOP G-SOUND W/DVD VINYL CEILING
- ☐ DRIVER CONVENIENCE PKG. (Ford Only) BACKUP MONITOR / BACKUP ALARM KEYLESS ENTRY SYSTEM
- ☐ 139" WB CHEVY, VORTEC 6.0 ENGINE, 35 GAL FUEL TANK (5211)
- ☐ FORD TURBO DIESEL CHASSIS (5231 5272 5290)
- ☐ OUTSIDE SHOWER
- ☐ SPARE TIRE & CARRIER
- ☐ UPGRADED OAK DASH (Ford Only)
- ☐ ROLL GOODS THROUGHOUT
- ☐ HEATED HOLDING TANKS
- ☐ REAR LADDER
- ☐ 5000 LB HITCH W/PLUG
- ☐ AWNING
- ☐ SLICK FIBERGLASS EXTERIOR WALLS

- ☐ EXTERIOR PAINTED SKIRT AREA
- ☐ FULL PAINT W/SUPER SLICK EXTERIOR E-45 CHASSIS (NA 5211)
- ☐ HEATED & REMOTE MIRRORS
- ☐ LCD COLOR TV IN BEDROOM (5272, 5290, 5291)
- ☐ FLAT SCREEN COLOR TV WITH REMOTE
- ☐ DVD PLAYER (NA W/XL PKG)
- ☐ EMERGENCY START SWITCH
- ☐ FLUORESCENT CEILING LIGHT.
- ☐ PHONE JACK
- ☐ 4.0 ONAN GENERATOR
- ☐ 3.6 ONAN GENERATOR W/LP CONVERSION (REQUIRES DSL CHASSIS) (5231 5250 5270 5290)
- ☐ 4.0 GENERAC GENERATOR
- ☐ 6-WAY POWER OPTIMA D/P SEATS IPO 2-WAY CLOTH SEATS (Ford Only)
- ☐ OPTIMA LEATHER POWER LOUNGE SOFA
- ☐ OPTIMA LEATHER H-A-B SOFA
- ☐ COMFORT BOOTH DINETTE IPO PS SOFA (5211, 5231)
- ☐ COMFORT BOOTH DINETTE IPO DS SOFA (5272)
- ☐ RANGE COVER (NA W/XL PKG)

Holding tank capacities (both fresh water and waste water) are volume calculations based on overall tank dimensions. The capacities may differ from published calculations due to the result of tank installation, tank material variation, tank fitting locations and other plumbing variables.

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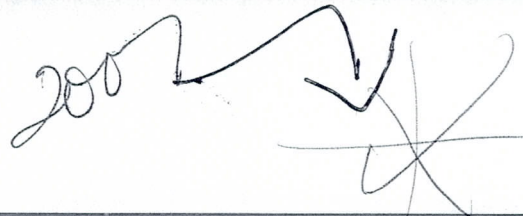


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FAMILY VALUE

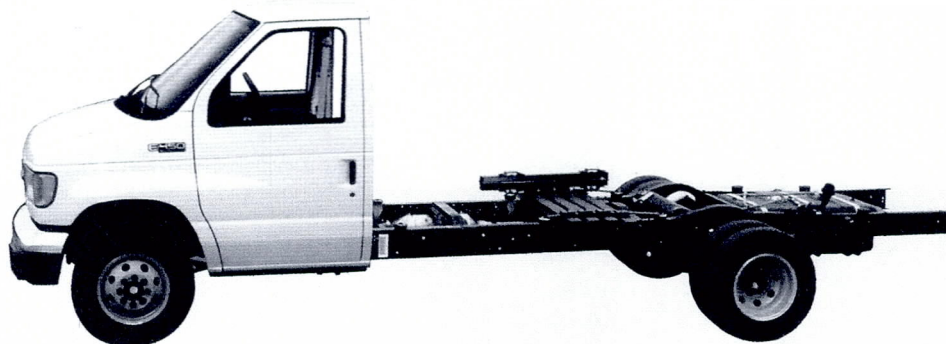
CLASS C MOTORHOME CHASSIS



BOLDMOVES



ITEM	E-350 SUPER DUTY CUTAWAY CHASSIS			E-450 SUPER DUTY CUTAWAY CHASSIS	
	138" WB	158" WB	176" WB	158" WB	176" WB
Frame Yield Strength (PSI) Section Modulus (in. ³) Section (Web) Height (in.)	Single Channel 36,000 PSI 5.73 in. ³ Section Modulus 7.69" (Max.)			Single Channel 36,000 PSI 6.4 in. ³ Section Modulus 7.69" (Max.)	
Fuel Tank Capacity & Location	37.0 Gallon Aft-of-Axle (Std.) 55.0 Gallon Aft-of-Axle (Opt. w/158" DRW only)			55.0 Gallon Aft-of-Axle (Std.)	
Springs, Front Rating (lbs.) Spring Type Shock Absorbers Diameter (in.) Stabilizer Bar	3900 (SRW) 3700 (DRW) Coil HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. 1.00" Dia.	4050 Coil HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. 1.00" Dia.	4050 Coil HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. 1.00" Dia.	4600 Coil HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. 1.00" Dia.	4600 Coil HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. 1.00" Dia.
Front Tread	69.4			69.4	
Springs, Rear Rating (lbs.) Length (in.) Shock Absorbers Diameter (in.) Stabilizer Bar	Multi-Leaf Single Stage 7810 55.0 HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. None			Multi-Leaf Single Stage 9450 55.0 HD Gas Type 1.38" Dia. 1.125" Dia.	
Rear Tread (in.)	72.1 SRW 73.2 DRW	73.2	73.2	77.7	77.7
Steering Turning Dia. (ft.) curb-to-curb Steering Wheel Diameter	HD Power 48.0 SRW 47.9 DRW 15.5"	HD Power 54.0 SRW 54.1 DRW 15.5"	HD Power 59.9 15.5"	HD Power 54.1 15.5"	HD Power 59.9 15.5"
Max. Trailer Weight (lbs.) (see note "†")	10,000			10,000	
Transmission	5-Speed TorqShift™ Overdrive Incl. Tow/Haul Mode With Gas Engines; In-Tank Oil Cooler (Std.); Auxiliary Transmission Oil Cooler (Std.)			5-Speed TorqShift™ Overdrive Incl. Tow/Haul Mode With Gas Engines; In-Tank Oil Cooler (Std.); Auxiliary Transmission Oil Cooler (Std.)	
Tires	(4) LT245/75R16E (SRW)(Std.); (6) LT225/75R16E (DRW)			(6) LT225/75R16E (DRW)(Std.)	
Wheels	(4) 16.0x7K (SRW)(Std.); (6) 16.0x6K (DRW)			(6) 16.0x6K (DRW)(Std.)	



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*The four weights shown below are separate weights. The GROSS WEIGHT is the CERTIFIED WEIGHT and was weighed on a full length platform scale.

DATE:	3-15-2008	STEER AXLE	4060	1b
APPROXIMATE TIME:	1446	DRIVE AXLE	9060	1b
SCALE	2759	TRAILER AXLE	00	1b
LOCATION:	BIG D TRAVEL CENTER N LOOP12 AND UNION BOWEP IRVING TX	* GROSS WEIGHT	13120	1b

*empty
Sweet propane
food / dry + ports
* 5/4 Diesel*

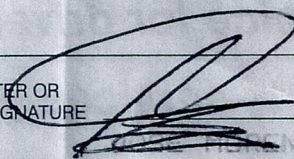
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PUBLIC WEIGHMASTER'S
CERTIFICATE OF
WEIGHT & MEASURE



This is to certify that the following merchandise was weighed, counted, or measured by a public weigher, and when properly signed shall be prima facia evidence of the accuracy of the weight shown as prescribed by law.

LIVESTOCK, PRODUCE, PROPERTY, COMMODITY, OR ARTICLE WEIGHED FREIGHT ALL KINDS

COMPANY FLAMING TRACTOR # 1 TRAILER # 0

FEE 8.50 WEIGHMASTER OR WEIGHER SIGNATURE  FULL WEIGH TICKET # (IF REWEIGH) _____

DRIVER IN TRUCK UNLESS CHECKED HERE:

WEIGH NUMBER
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DATE:	3-12-2008	STEER AXLE	4100	lb
APPROXIMATE TIME:	1835	DRIVE AXLE	9980	lb
SCALE	2759	TRAILER AXLE	00	lb
LOCATION:	BIG D TRAVEL CENTER	* GROSS WEIGHT	14080	lb
	N LOOP 12 AND UNION BOWER			
	IRVING TX			

*loaded
fuel fuel
empty gr
empty bel
food
clothes
misc
prop*



WEIGH NUMBER
9800

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LIVESTOCK, PRODUCE, PROPERTY, COMMODITY, OR ARTICLE WEIGHED FREIGHT ALL KINDS

COMPANY CASH TRACTOR # 0101 TRAILER # 01

FEE 8.50 WEIGHMASTER OR WEIGHER SIGNATURE GINGER DANZER FULL WEIGH TICKET # (IF REWEIGH)

DRIVER IN TRUCK UNLESS CHECKED HERE: _____

VIN # 1FDXE45P86D [REDACTED]

MOTOR HOME WEIGHT INFORMATION								
CONSULT OWNER MANUAL(S) FOR SPECIFIC WEIGHING INSTRUCTIONS AND TOWING GUIDELINES INCLUDING AUXILIARY BRAKE REQUIREMENTS FOR ANY TOWED TRAILER OR TOWED VEHICLE.								
WARNING:	MODEL:	5290	kilograms	pounds	kilograms	pounds		
	SERIAL #	37481	GCWR	8639	19050	GVWR	6372	14050
						UVW	5720	12613
						NCC	652	1437
CARGO CARRYING CAPACITY (CCC) INFORMATION								
Your carrying capacity is affected by everything put into your motorhome. Use this chart to support your travel needs.								
			Added weight		Adjusted CCC*			
		gallons	kilograms	pounds	kilograms	pounds		
Fresh water @ 8.3 lb/gal	tank & water heater	44	166	365	486	1072		
LP-Gas @ 4.2 lb/gal	LP tank	10	19	42	467	1030		
People @ 154 lb/each	1 Occupant		70	154	397	876		
	2 Occupants		140	308	327	722		
	3 Occupants		210	462	257	568		
SCWR =	4 Occupants		280	616	187	414 = CCC*		
* Weights are estimated. Dealer installed equipment and towed vehicle tongue weight will reduce CCC.								
GVWR (Gross Vehicle Weight Rating) is the maximum permissible weight of this fully loaded motor home.								
UVW (Unloaded Vehicle Weight) is the weight of this motor home as manufactured at the factory with full fuel, engine oil and coolants.								
NCC (Net Carrying Capacity) is equal to the GVWR minus the UVW.								
CCC (Cargo Carrying Capacity) is equal to the GVWR minus each of the following: UVW, full fresh (potable) water weight (including water heater), full LP-Gas weight, and SCWR.								
SCWR (Sleeping Capacity Weight Rating) is the manufacturer's designated number of sleeping positions multiplied by 154 pounds (70 kilograms).								
GCWR (Gross Combination Weight Rating) Means the maximum allowable loaded weight of this motor home and any towed trailer or towed vehicle.								

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HOME: [REDACTED] BUS:

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SERVICE ADVISOR: 4074 PAUL FOULK'S

COLOR	YEAR	MAKE/MODEL	VIN	LICENSE	MILEAGE	TAG
	06	FORD CLASS A MOTOR H	1FDXE45P86D [REDACTED]		7737/7737	[REDACTED]
DEL DATE	PROD DATE	WARR EXP	PO NO	PAYMENT	INV DATE	
06NOV07 IS		WAIT 13MAR08		CASH	13MAR08	
R/O OPENED	READY	OPTIONS: DLR:152016 ENG:6.0 Liter_EFI				
11:34 13MAR08	12:16 13MAR08					

LINE	OPCODE	TECH	TYPE	HOURS	LIST	NET	TOTAL
A CUSTOMER STATES TIRE HITTING BODY OF RV AND HITTING WHEEL WELL							
400 MISC FRONT END/BRAKE REPAIR REQUEST							
999 HOUSE TECH LIC#: 999							
IPS (N/C)							
PARTS:	0.00	LABOR:	0.00	OTHER:	0.00	TOTAL LINE A:	0.00

7737 RV BODY MOUNTED - TO FRAME WRONG CHECK REAR SUSPENSION -OK, PROBLE IN RV BODY MISALIGNED--TIRE RUBBING RV BODY AND WHEEL WELL CUST STATE RV OVERWIEGHT 500LBS -ALL DUE TO BODY - CAN POSS ADD BIGGER SPINGS BUT WILL VOID WARRANTY - BY WILL NOT CORRECT TIRE HITING RV BODY ISSUE-- NEED TO GO TO RV DEALER/MANUFACTOR

B Z99P AROUND THE WHEEL MULTI-POINT INSPECTION							
LIFI-Z99P AROUND THE WHEEL MULTI-POINT INSPECTION							
999 HOUSE TECH LIC#: 999							
IPS (N/C)							
PARTS:	0.00	LABOR:	0.00	OTHER:	0.00	TOTAL LINE B:	0.00

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DESCRIPTION	TOTALS
LABOR AMOUNT	0.00
PARTS AMOUNT	0.00
GAS, OIL, LUBE	0.00
SUBLET AMOUNT	0.00
ENVIRONMENTAL FEE	0.00
TOTAL CHARGES	0.00
LESS INSURANCE	0.00
SALES TAX	0.00
PLEASE PAY THIS AMOUNT	0.00

X _____ Date _____
Customer Signature

CUSTOMER COPY

VEHICLE INSPECTION REJECTION RECEIPT

Date 3/24/08 Vehicle Make Ford Model Year E-450

Vehicle License # _____ Inspection Station # 1P36779

Inspection Station Name North American Terminal Svc

REJECTED FOR DEFECTIVE

- Horn
- Windshield Wiper
- Seat Belt
- Steering
- Mirror
- Brake
- Stop, Tail or License Lamp
- Turn Signal
- Safety Guard
- Exhaust System
- Exhaust Emission System
- Reflector
- Tire
- Headlamp or Beam Indicator
- Wheel Assembly
- Cab Lamp
- Clearance/Side Marker Lamp
- Other Main frame rubbing tires

EXPLAIN REJECTION FULLY: Rubbing tire safety guard too close to tire

Certified Inspector Making Inspection William Jewell

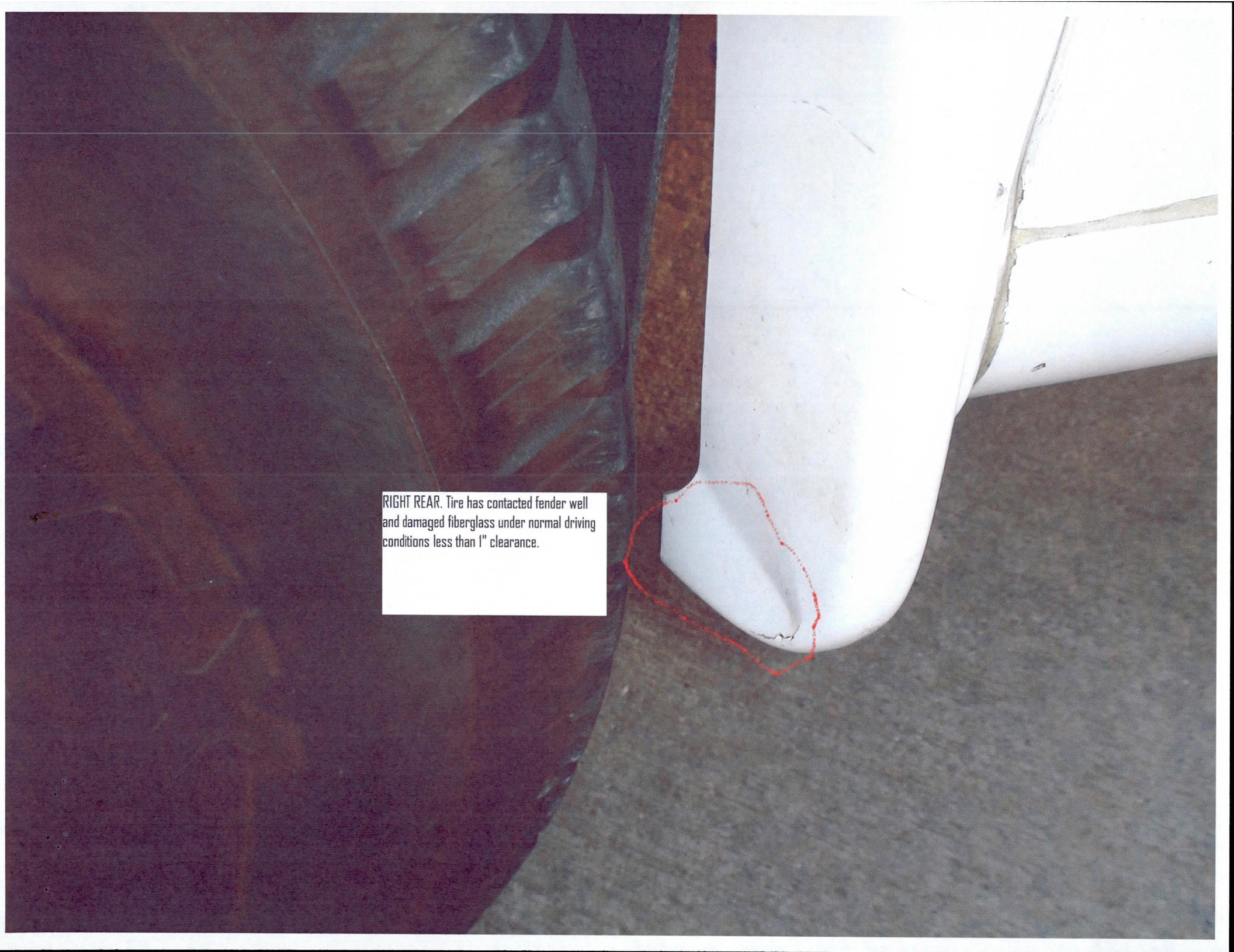
defects indicated above are corrected and the vehicle returned to the original inspection station within 15 days, vehicle will be reinspected once with no additional fee. THIS IS NOT A PERMIT TO DRIVE A DEFECTIVE VEHICLE OR TO DRIVE A VEHICLE WITHOUT A CURRENT VALID INSPECTION CERTIFICATE.

Fee Paid \$ 62.00

Thomas A. Stein Jr. Director
Texas Department of Public Safety

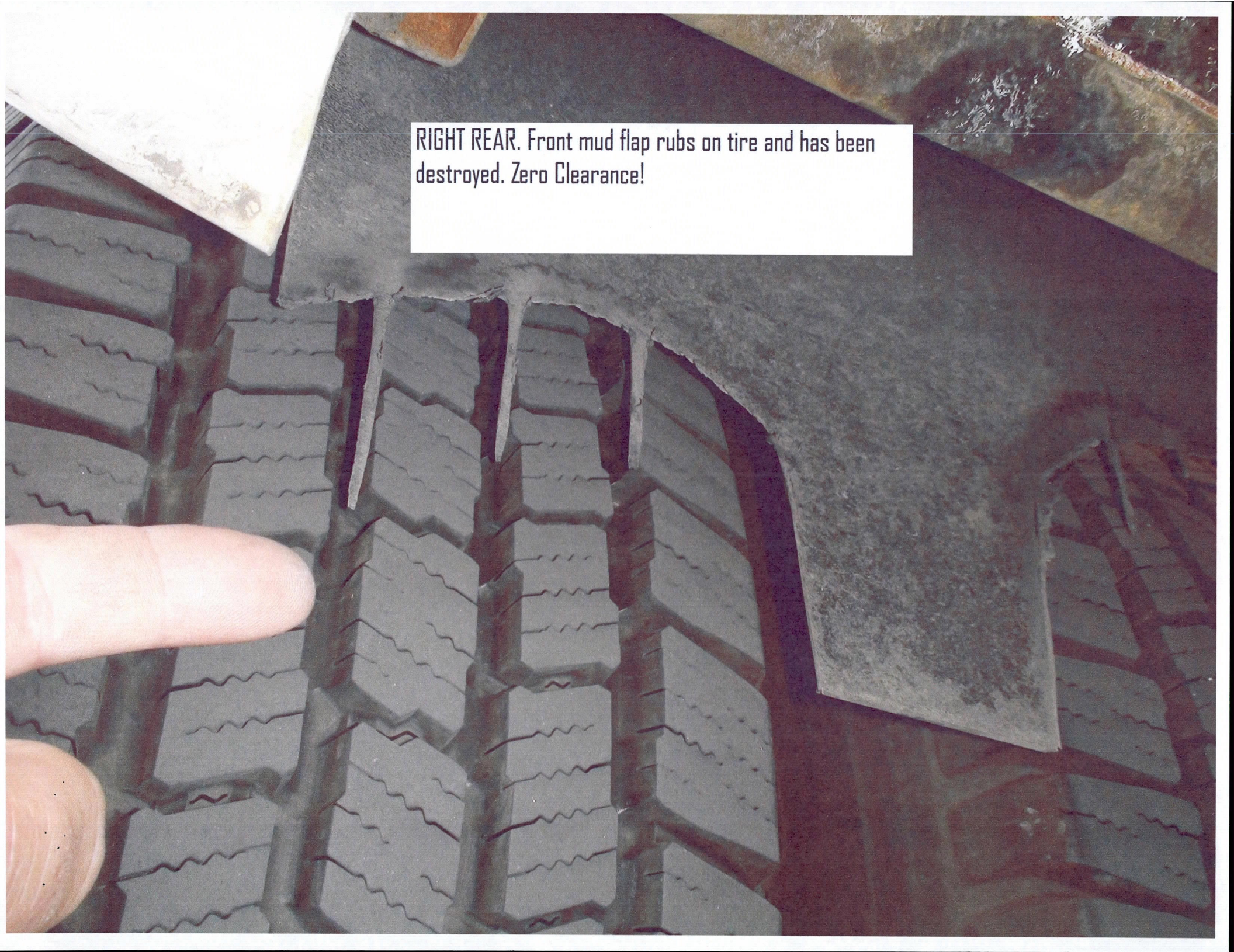


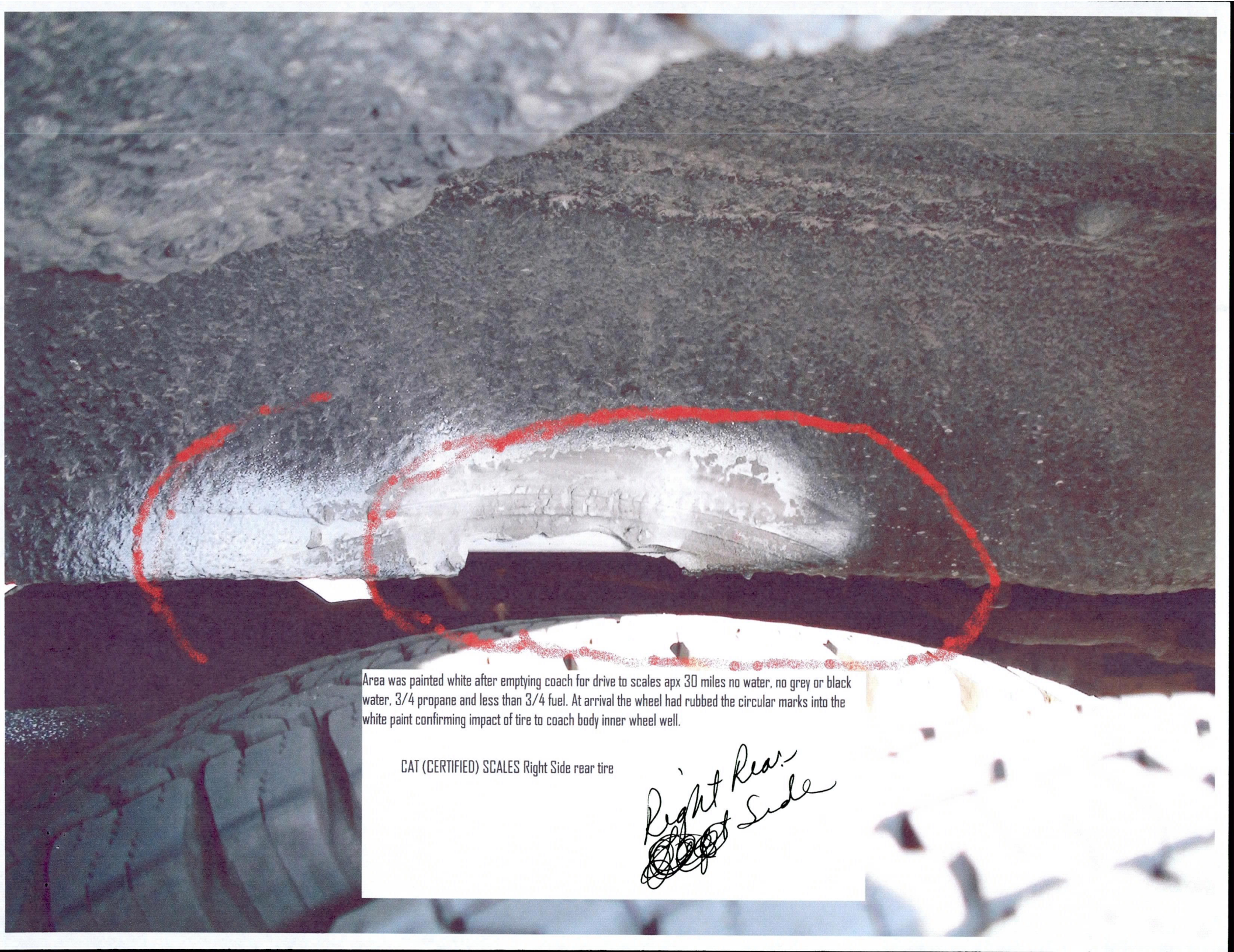
Right side mud flap hits tire and has been destroyed by rubbing due to proximity to tire.



RIGHT REAR. Tire has contacted fender well and damaged fiberglass under normal driving conditions less than 1" clearance.

RIGHT REAR. Front mud flap rubs on tire and has been destroyed. Zero Clearance!

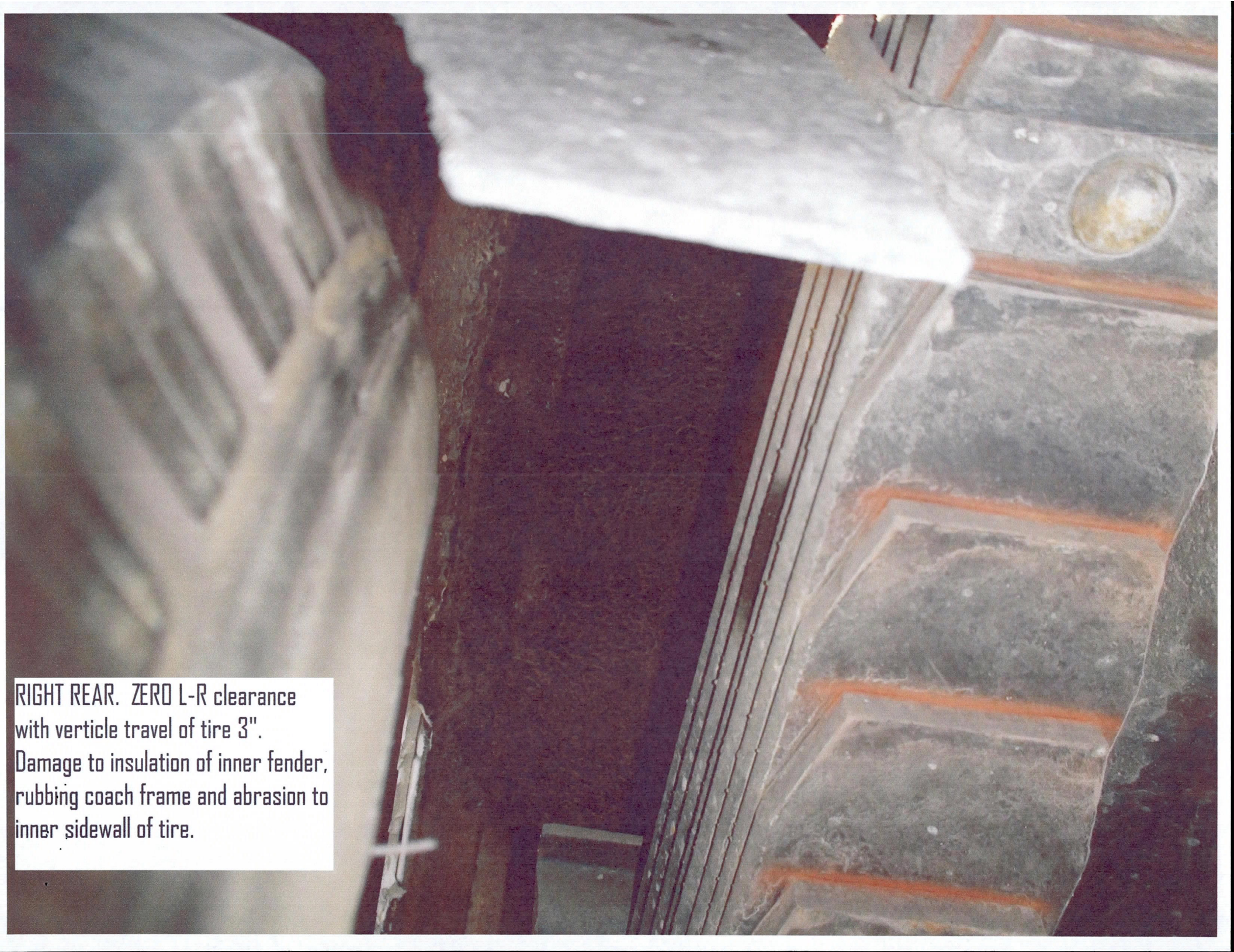




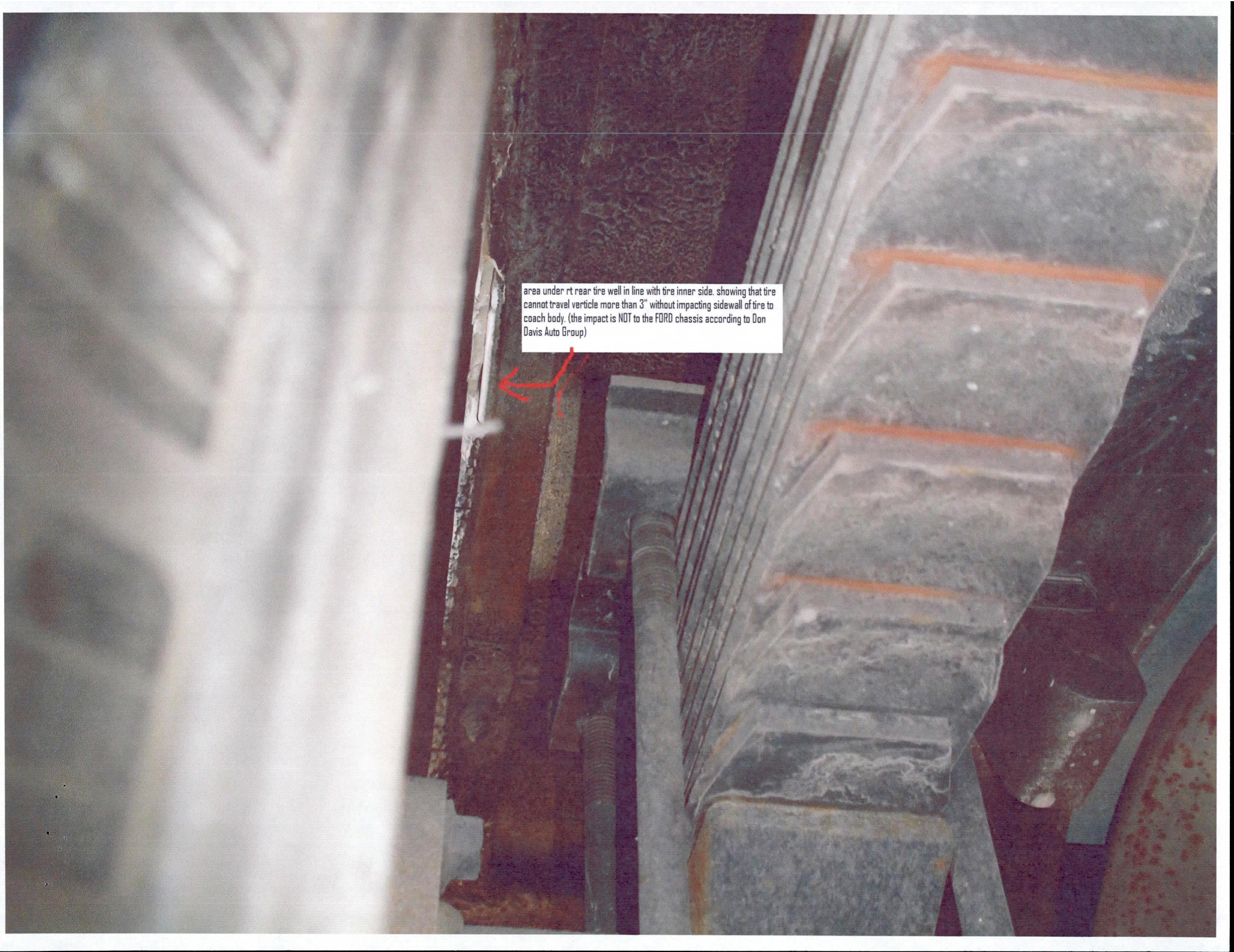
Area was painted white after emptying coach for drive to scales apx 30 miles no water, no grey or black water, 3/4 propane and less than 3/4 fuel. At arrival the wheel had rubbed the circular marks into the white paint confirming impact of tire to coach body inner wheel well.

CAT (CERTIFIED) SCALES Right Side rear tire


*Right Rear -
Side*



RIGHT REAR. ZERO L-R clearance with verticle travel of tire 3".
Damage to insulation of inner fender, rubbing coach frame and abrasion to inner sidewall of tire.



area under rt rear tire well in line with tire inner side. showing that tire cannot travel verticle more than 3" without impacting sidewall of tire to coach body. (the impact is NOT to the FORD chassis according to Don Davis Auto Group)



Left tire has rubbed on left inner fender breaking off the insulation that was present at delivery and exposing electrical joint lugs to rubbing by the tire and damaging inner surface of wheel well. Highway driving left the copper contacts polished. White paint in photo was sprayed onto the wheel well to confirm impact (UNLOADED city streets in Texas where there are no significant inclines or grades).

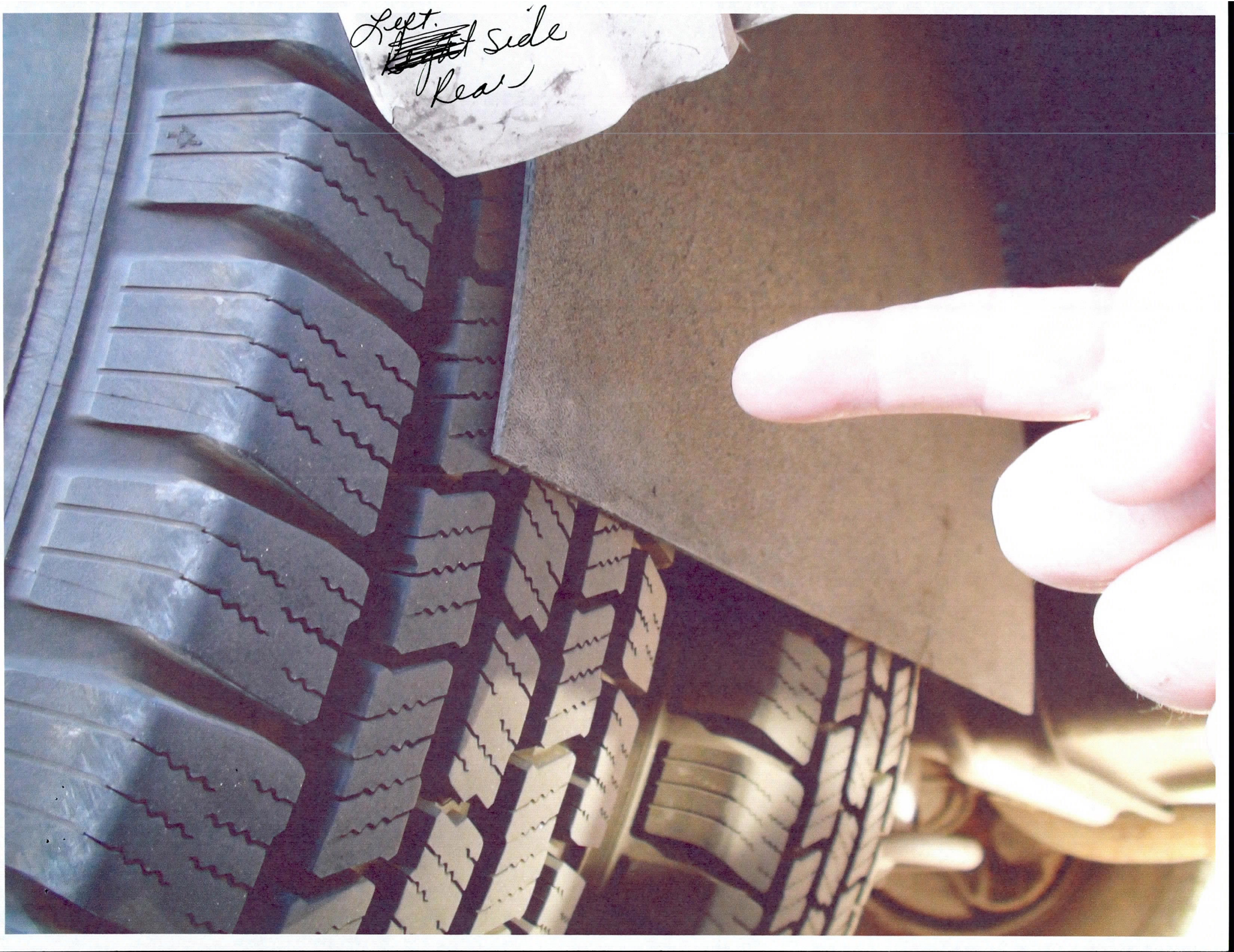


left wheel at distance

DANGER
WARNING
CAUTION

DIESEL FUEL ONLY

Left.
~~Foot~~ side
Rear



A close-up photograph of a tire sidewall. The tire is dark, and the sidewall shows significant damage, including a large, irregular tear and a deep groove. The damage is caused by chaffing from contact with a coach frame. The background is dark and out of focus, showing parts of the vehicle's interior structure.

CHAFFING ON TIRE SIDEWALL
FROM COACH FRAME