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Re: 1125307

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These are brake comments from other Vanleigh owners on the Vanleigh Owners Forum Site at
[REDACTED]

Braking problems

From: [REDACTED]

04-02-2018, 03:49 AM

New Vilano 375 and it seems the braking is very poor. Electrical gain in truck at maximum yet when manually applied, the trailer only brakes slightly-far unlike my old 5th. Any suggestions? Next stop is a brake service repair house.

05-29-2018, 05:03 AM

I left the Tishomingo facility a few days ago where Jeremy tried to tighten the brakes, to no avail. Left there with no better brakes and got to the Escapade (Escapee's Annual meeting) in Sedalia, MO.

Here I decided to add disc brakes and when the service man removed the old drum brakes, both the right side drums were caked with grease due to a leaking seal. No wonder I couldn't stop. New units shouldn't have these problems. Not a happy camper!!!!

From: [REDACTED]

05-29-2018, 08:21 AM

Wow, that's pretty bad! I'm glad you upgraded and found out. You are right, this kind of thing shouldn't happen.

I have mine planned to get upgraded to disc brakes in 2 weeks for a trip up to the NorthEast. I'm having it done in the Tishomingo facility along with a few other warranty items. I've heard nothing but good things about the disc brakes!

Perhaps you haven't gone far since install, but I'd love feedback prior to spending the money!

From: [REDACTED]

09-01-2019, 01:38 PM

I too have soft breaks, have been investigating them and have found that I have low voltage even with the controller set at max or with the emergency breakaway, I was wondering if someone on this site could do me a huge favor. If anyone has a 320GK and the Tekonsha P3 Brake Control could you check the amperage draw through the troubleshooting function on the controller. It is easy to do, just hook up your RV, set the gain to the highest (14), use the menu button and select troubleshooting. There you can

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scroll through various functions of the controller. I am entrusted in the amp function. Check with the manual brake lever pulled over and the amp draw will appear on the controller. Maybe you could do a couple of readings at a couple of gain settings like 14, 12 & 10 so I can compare with what I am getting.

Thanks

From [REDACTED] (us)

09-12-2019, 10:48 PM

Our RV (2018 365RL) is currently in the shop getting new brakes. We've had it less than 18 months and the brakes are completely trashed. It has roughly 4000 miles on it since we got it. The pads were gone and much of the drums are gone as well. The brake guy was frankly shocked when he got in there and saw how bad they were especially in pretty much a new vehicle. We had our Montana over 15 years and traveled border to border and coast to coast four times plus many many shorter trips (within a six state radius of home).

He pulled the tires on the galley side and called us to come see them because he couldn't believe how bad they were. He hasn't pulled the other side yet but went ahead and ordered brakes (pads/drums) all around and will use what he needs. We just got the RV back from having the galley side leaf spring repaired as it had failed and collapsed into a 'W'. Could the leaf spring failure have somehow caused brake damage too or is this an apple/orange thing?

Disc brake warning

From [REDACTED]

09-22-2018, 07:00 PM

WARNING TO ALL OWNERS WHO GOT DISC BRAKES! Check the routing of your brake lines! All four of our rubber lines from chassis to calipers were rubbing on either wheel or spring. Ours rubbed a line through and we lost all brakes.. check your lines!

From: [REDACTED]

06-20-2019, 07:55 PM

After reading this thread, I checked my trailer, which was custom built with factory installed disc brakes, today thinking that a post from 2017/2018 ought to have been an anomaly and that surely it would have been corrected by now.

I am glad I read this post as at least one of my four brake lines shows evidence of rubbing against a leaf spring....luckily it has extremely low miles as it was towed

from the factory to the dealership in Sacramento...and I have not been able to enjoy it due to brake controller issues. In short - **HAVE YOUR DISC BRAKE LINES INSPECTED.**

06-29-2019, 08:13 PM

Follow-up

Was able to determine the rubber flex brake line was rubbing due to expansion foam pushing the line against my leaf spring. On the other three lines the foam guides the brake line away from suspension parts.

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Invoice # [REDACTED]

Day Phone [REDACTED]

ROSEBURG OR [REDACTED]

Vehicle : 2017 VANLEIGH RV VILANO 5TH WHEEL TRAILER

VIN : 1V9FC3923JV [REDACTED]

Created : 8/22/2019 2:53:19 PM

Complete : 8/26/2019 9:07:11 AM

Invoiced : 8/26/2019 9:07:11 AM

Srv Writer: 12

Tag/State : D12464 / OR

Color : Beige

Odometer In : 0

Odometer Out : 0

Labor/Notes

Code/Tech*	Reference	Description	Price
34*	LABOR	REMOVE AND REINSTALL BOTH LEFT SIDE SPRING ASSEMBLIES.	\$135.00
10*	RS	REARCH SPRINGS	\$115.00
DISASSEMBLE SPRING ASSEMBLYS. REARCH EACH SPRING LEAF. INSTALL NEW SPRING LEAVES IN EACH SPRING ASSEMBLY. RESECURE SPRING ASSEMBLYS USING NEW CENTER BOLTS.			
ADD ONE LEAF PER PACK.			

Parts

Qty	Code/Tech*	Reference	Description	Condition	Unit Price	Price
1	-	134X401X60	SPRING LEAF	New	\$105.00	\$105.00
2	--	MIPART	SPRING CLAMPS		\$12.50	\$25.00
2	CB	38X4	CENTER BOLT	New	\$4.75	\$9.50
4	U/B	K91618	U BOLT	New	\$11.30	\$45.20
4	TEK	TEKNB5	SPRING EYE BUSHINGS		\$0.36	\$1.44

Labor	\$250.00
Parts	\$186.14
Sublet/Misc.	\$0.00
Shop Supplies	\$15.00
Charges	\$0.00
Sales Tax	\$0.00
Tax @ \$0.00 * 0.0000%	\$0.00

Total Due \$451.14

Tech Certification #

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Customer Information

Customer ID: [REDACTED]
Name: [REDACTED]
Address:
City, State, RSBG, OF [REDACTED]
Phone: [REDACTED]

Vehicle Information

Vehicle: 5th wheel
Color:
Mileage: Unit #: TRLR
License:

Les Schwab Invoice

Qty	Product Code	Product Description	Price/ea	FET	Amount
2	13691	PACK WHEEL BEARINGS - 2WD DISC/DRUM	\$126.99	\$0.00	\$253.98
1	122532	FREIGHT	\$70.00	\$0.00	\$70.00
2	156527	PP4704L 12" LH ELECTRIC TRAILER BRAKES	\$76.05	\$0.00	\$152.10
2	156528	PP4704R 12" RH ELECTRIC TRAILER BRAKES	\$76.05	\$0.00	\$152.10
1	122621	INSTALL BACKING PLATES	\$135.00	\$0.00	\$135.00
4	239141	10-36 SEAL	\$6.00	\$0.00	\$24.00
4	338120	865UHIDS BRAKE HUB/DRUM ASSEMBLY	\$144.45	\$0.00	\$577.80

Parts Subtotal: \$1,111.00

Labor Subtotal: \$253.98

Sales Tax: \$0.00

Tire Tax: \$0.00

Invoice **\$1,364.98**

Payment Method:

MD CRDT **\$1,364.98**

Wheel Position: LF, RF, LR, RR

Notes To Review With Customer: REPLACED ALL FOUR DRUM HUB ASSY, ALL NEW BEARINGS, NEW SEALS AND ALL FOUR BACKING PLATES WITH BRAKE SHOES. LEFT SIDE OF TRAILER WAS METAL TO METAL AND HAD BEEN FOR SOME TIME. RIGHT SIDE HAD JUST WENT METAL TO METAL AND WAS SEVERLY HOT SPOTTED. CUSTOMER REQUESTED TO KEEP ALL OLD PARTS. RECOMMEND WHEEL RETORQUE WITHIN 25-50 MILES.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR BUSINESS

Authorized By:

[REDACTED] 09-13-19 03:13 PM \$1,363.38

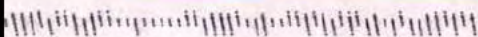
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