



ODI RESUME

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Investigation: EA 05-011
Prompted By: 01V-170
Date Opened: 07/14/2005
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Front Tire Failures

Manufacturer: Country Coach Inc.
Products: Country Coach - 1995-2000 Model Year Allure and Intrigue
Population: 1781

Problem Description: Front tires are failing in vehicles previously campaigned to upgrade front tire load capacity.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	27	30
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	1	1
# Injuries:	0	1	1
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: Open an Engineering Analysis.

Engineer: Thomas Bowman

Date: 07/14/2005

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 07/14/2005

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: Country Coach has identified 21 incidents of front tire failures (16 driver's side and 5 passenger side) that have occurred in Model Year 1995-2000 Country Coach Intrigue and Allure vehicles after these vehicles had been modified in accordance with one or more service programs/safety campaigns (99V-288, SB00-01, 01V-170, and/or 02V-229) that were intended to correct inadequate front tire load carrying capacity in the subject vehicles by replacing front tires, changing the recommended front tire pressures and/or reducing or redistributing the front axle loads.

On May 6, 2005, ODI received one additional owner complaint (VOQ 10124716) alleging that the driver's side front tire installed in a 1997 Intrigue vehicle had failed on April 12, 2005. This vehicle's front tires had been replaced in May 2001 in response to Country Coach Campaign 01V-089.

ODI intends to conduct further investigation to evaluate whether the campaigns (listed above), which were intended to correct tire failures are adequate and/or effective.