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Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.
503 S. Oakland Ave
Nappanee, IN 46550

NVS-215aa
EQ08-008
07V-306

Attn: Compliance Dept. / Warranty Dept.

Dear Sir or Madam,

In a letter dated July 3, 2007 Freightliner LLC (Freightliner) notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that it had decided certain Freightliner custom chassis manufactured January 5, 2007 through May 17, 2007 contained a safety related defect in that the AAC front axle steering arm bolts with a latch lever pivot bolt assembly may have been over-tightened. Over-tightened steering arm bolts may fatigue and fracture. Should these bolts fracture, the resulting loss of steering control could cause a crash. NHTSA assigned recall number 07V-306 to this matter.

The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of this safety recall. According to information provided by Freightliner, Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. (your company) was identified as a vehicle manufacturer whom purchased and/or was supplied with these incomplete chassis that may contain this defect, and may have been notified by Freightliner about this issue. A copy of Freightliner's 573 Defect Information Report is enclosed for your review.

Federal Regulation 49 CFR part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, requires that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or replacement equipment furnish a report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about each defect in its products that it decides is related to motor vehicle safety. In the case of a defect decided to exist in vehicles built in more than one stage, compliance with Parts 573.6 and 573.7 by either the manufacturer of the incomplete vehicle or any subsequent manufacturer of the vehicle is considered compliance by all manufacturers. We recognize that Freightliner will be conducting this recall, however, in the interests of ensuring that appropriate information about the recall is provided to all owners and that all safety-related defects are remedied appropriately, RMD is requesting identification of the final stage vehicle products that are involved in this recall from the final stage manufacturers. Accordingly, we require the following information:



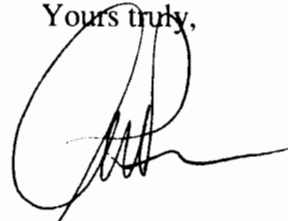
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3. Provide the number of any of the recalled incomplete chassis that remain under the direct control of your company including any units remaining in your company's inventory that have not been manufactured into a completed motor vehicle or that have been completed but not yet sold. Please be reminded that these vehicles must be remedied prior to their sale.
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6. Please advise us whether or not your company intends to file a Defect Report and notify its owners, purchasers, and dealers of the defect in accordance with 49 U.S.C. § 30118(c)(1). NHTSA's receipt of the appropriate Defect Report will satisfy this information request letter. If needed, a guide is available on-line to assist you at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems/manufacturer/forms.html>.

Your company's response, in writing must be submitted to RMD within 10 days of receiving this letter referencing EQ08-008, either by FAX, e-mail, or any other method which enables your company to verify promptly that it was in fact received by RMD and the date it was received. This letter is being sent to your company pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §30166, which authorizes NHTSA to conduct any investigation that may be necessary to enforce Chapter 301 of Title 49. It constitutes a new request for information. Your company's failure to respond promptly and fully to this letter could subject your company to civil penalties pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §30165 or lead to an action of injunctive relief pursuant to 49 U.S.C. §30163. If your company believes that it should file a Defect Report with NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, please do so promptly.

If your company claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 1905, your company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, in accordance with 49 CFR Part 512, as amended (69 Fed. Reg. 21409 et seq; April 21, 2004), to the Office of Chief Counsel (NCC-111), National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, Room W41-227, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, D.C. 20590. Your company is required to submit two copies of the documents containing allegedly confidential information and one copy of the documents from which information claimed to be confidential has been deleted. Please remember that the word "CONFIDENTIAL" must appear at the top of each page containing information claimed to be confidential, and the information must be clearly identified in accordance with 5 U.S.C. § 512.6.

For return submissions or should you have any questions, please contact Mr. Alex Ansley of my staff at (202) 493-0481, by FAX at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at alexander.ansley@dot.gov.

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Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc.
105 2nd Street NW
Red Bay , AL 35582

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07V-306

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Dear Sir or Madam,

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The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of this safety recall. According to information provided by Freightliner, Tiffin Motorhomes, Inc. (your company) was identified as a vehicle manufacturer whom purchased and/or was supplied with these incomplete chassis that may contain this defect, and may have been notified by Freightliner about this issue. A copy of Freightliner's 573 Defect Information Report is enclosed for your review.

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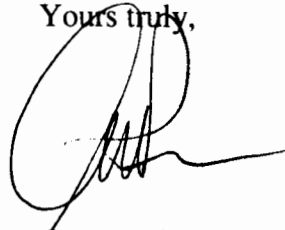
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Double K, Inc.
701 N Railroad Ave
Crandon, WI 54520-1654

NVS-215aa
EQ08-008
07V-306

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The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of this safety recall. According to information provided by Freightliner, Double K, Inc. (your company) was identified as a vehicle manufacturer whom purchased and/or was supplied with these incomplete chassis that may contain this defect, and may have been notified by Freightliner about this issue. A copy of Freightliner's 573 Defect Information Report is enclosed for your review.

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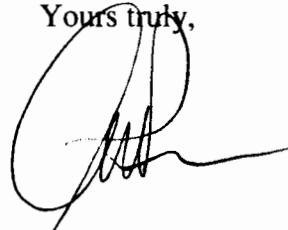
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Glaval Bus
914 County Rd 1 North
Elkhart, IN 46514

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07V-306

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The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of this safety recall. According to information provided by Freightliner, Glaval Bus (your company) was identified as a vehicle manufacturer whom purchased and/or was supplied with these incomplete chassis that may contain this defect, and may have been notified by Freightliner about this issue. A copy of Freightliner's 573 Defect Information Report is enclosed for your review.

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Startrans / Supreme Corp.
2592 Kercher Rd
Goshen, IN 46528

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07V-306

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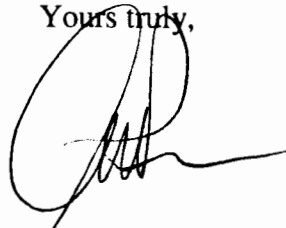
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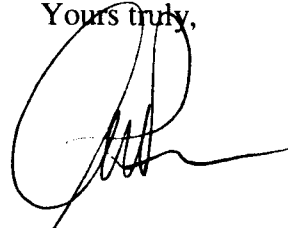
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Attn: Compliance Dept. / Warranty Dept.

Dear Sir or Madam,

In a letter dated July 3, 2007 Freightliner LLC (Freightliner) notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) that it had decided certain Freightliner custom chassis manufactured January 5, 2007 through May 17, 2007 contained a safety related defect in that the AAC front axle steering arm bolts with a latch lever pivot bolt assembly may have been over-tightened. Over-tightened steering arm bolts may fatigue and fracture. Should these bolts fracture, the resulting loss of steering control could cause a crash. NHTSA assigned recall number 07V-306 to this matter.

The Office of Defects Investigation, Recall Management Division (RMD) is conducting a review of this safety recall. According to information provided by Freightliner, Utilimaster Corp. (your company) was identified as a vehicle manufacturer whom purchased and/or was supplied with these incomplete chassis that may contain this defect, and may have been notified by Freightliner about this issue. A copy of Freightliner's 573 Defect Information Report is enclosed for your review.

Federal Regulation 49 CFR part 573, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, requires that a manufacturer of motor vehicles or replacement equipment furnish a report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) about each defect in its products that it decides is related to motor vehicle safety. In the case of a defect decided to exist in vehicles built in more than one stage, compliance with Parts 573.6 and 573.7 by either the manufacturer of the incomplete vehicle or any subsequent manufacturer of the vehicle is considered compliance by all manufacturers. We recognize that Freightliner will be conducting this recall, however, in the interests of ensuring that appropriate information about the recall is provided to all owners and that all safety-related defects are remedied appropriately, RMD is requesting identification of the final stage vehicle products that are involved in this recall from the final stage manufacturers. Accordingly, we require the following information:




1. Identify all motor vehicles manufactured by your company by type of vehicle, make, model, model year, number of vehicles, and build date range that were manufactured with the above described recalled incomplete chassis.
2. Provide the total number of the above described incomplete chassis that was obtained by your company from Freightliner.
3. Provide the number of any of the recalled incomplete chassis that remain under the direct control of your company including any units remaining in your company's inventory that have not been manufactured into a completed motor vehicle or that have been completed but not yet sold. Please be reminded that these vehicles must be remedied prior to their sale.
4. Provide the number of completed motor vehicles that are in dealers' inventory that have not been sold to consumers. Please be reminded that these vehicles must be remedied prior to their delivery to consumers.
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