



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 08-046
Date Opened: 07/24/2008
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Loss of Power Steering Assist

Manufacturer: Country Coach Inc
Products: Country Coach Model Year 2007-08 Affinity
Population: 500 (Estimated)

Problem Description: Excessive spline wear may cause loss of power steering assist.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	2	0	2
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: Open a Preliminary Evaluation (PE).

Engineer: Thomas Bowman

Date: 07/24/2008

Div. Chief: Richard Boyd

Date: 07/24/2008

Office Dir.: Kathleen C. DeMeter

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Summary: ODI has received two VOQ (NOS. 10230479 & 10234742) that report the loss of power steering assist in Country Coach Affinity vehicles. Both incidents allegedly occurred without prior warning while the vehicle was being driven at highway speeds.

ODI is concerned that the loss of power steering assist in a class "A" motorhome such as the Country Coach Affinity may limit the operator's ability to maneuver the vehicle under normal and/or emergency circumstances and thereby poses a risk to the operator and passengers in the motor home as well as to pedestrians and/or vehicles being operated in proximity to the affected vehicle.