

Request:

13. Describe the process used to manufacture the hitch receiver including:
- a. Heat treatment;
 - b. Base preparation leading to the final protective paint/coating;
 - c. If multiple suppliers were used, identify the full name and address for each supplier;
 - d. Provide the means (part number stamping, label, etc.) to identify the particular hitch supplier for each unit mounted on the vehicle;
 - e. If a particular MY, model, GVWR, or assembly plant is associated with a particular supplier, provide the flow path detail; and
 - f. Specifications and/or drawings for the hitch receiver.

Response:

Questions a, b, and c:

The hitch receiver is a purchased part from Lippert Components. Thor Motor Coach does not have the required knowledge of Lippert's manufacturing process to answer questions a, b, and c.

Question d:

The hitch receiver is identified with a part number label.

Question e:

Lippert supplies all hitch receivers for the subject and peer vehicles; none are associated with a specific plant.

Question f:

See attached Appendix 1.

Source: TMC Safety Committee

This information was gathered on October 10, 2024.