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Kenneth N. Weinstein  
Associate Administrator for Safety Assistance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

30 JUL 04

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Noncompliance Reports, Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. submits the following information concerning a safety defect on 2004 & 2005 Model Year Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built with Dewalt/Power Gear hydraulic hose assemblies installed in them.

**573.6 (c) (2) – Potentially Affected Vehicles**

The following model year 2004 & 2005 Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. motor homes built from 15 APR 04 through 24 JUN 04 are potentially affected;

**Model Families:** Crescendo, Friendship, Sun Voyager, Atrium Special Edition, Sun Voyager Special Edition, Scenic Cruiser, Yellowstone

**Model Numbers:** 8292, 8295, 8356, 8377, 8379, 8386, 8408, 8410, 8411, 8595

**573.6 (c) (3) – Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected**

Approximately 104 motor homes were shipped from our production facilities which may have the ~~defective~~ hydraulic hose(s) installed in them.

**573.6 (c) (4) – Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Condition**

At this point Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. estimates that 50% of the potentially affected vehicles may have a defective hydraulic hose(s) installed in them.

**573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Noncompliance**

The hydraulic hoses as supplied to Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. by Dewalt/Power Gear were defective. Dewalt/Power Gear's crimping process for attaching the hose fitting to the end of the hydraulic hose was performed improperly. When one of the improperly crimped hose assemblies is placed under a heavy load, hydraulic fluid could be released in a high pressure spray creating a risk of fire.

**573.6 (c) (7) – Basis for Non-Compliance**

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. discovered the problem during a vehicle delivery inspection at one of our dealers. Initial inspections at our production facility have identified several other vehicles that contained a defective hose assembly.

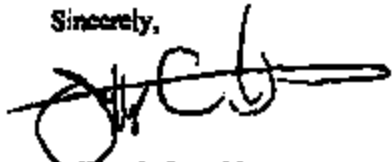
**573.6 (c) (8) - Service Program**

On 30 JUL 04 Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. supplied Dewalt/Power Gear the owner and dealer contact information for all of the possibly affected vehicles that have been shipped from our production facility.

**573.6 (c) (9) - Owner and Dealer Letters**

Dewalt/Power Gear is sending the letters and conducting the recall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JCS", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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