



COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC

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400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Workhorse Custom Chassis, Recall Bulletin No. 50401-C; Brake Caliper

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this correspondence is to serve as our notification to NHTSA of our acknowledgement of a recall being conducted by one of our component suppliers, Workhorse Custom Chassis (Workhorse) concerning a potential safety defect in some of the motorhome chassis they supplied to Coachmen Recreational Vehicles, LLC (Coachmen).

Coachmen received notification from Workhorse that they are conducting the referenced safety recall campaign due to a potential defect that may exist with their 2001, 2002 and 2003 Workhorse W series chassis built with Bosch brake calipers. Workhorse's notification stated:

"The defect involves brake caliper hanging in a partial apply position. A caliper in a partial apply position can get extremely hot causing severe damage to brake parts. The brake system anti-lock feature can be lost if the heat damages the anti-lock wheel sensor. Also, there could be a loss of brake performance."

Workhorse has informed Coachmen that we received two hundred thirty eight (238) chassis affected by this recall campaign. These chassis were used by Coachmen to build some of our 2001 MY Mirada and Pathfinder motorhomes built between April 2001 and July 2001; 2002 MY Rendezvous and Aurora motorhomes built between October 2001 and October 2002; and 2003 MY Rendezvous, Aurora and Santara motorhomes built between August 2002 and March 2003. We understand that Workhorse is administering the recall campaign and will be forwarding all further required correspondence to NHTSA. We have provided Workhorse with the retail owner information on these vehicles so they may be included in their notification and remedy efforts.

Should you have any additional questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (219) 825-8528.

Very Truly Yours,

Gary L. Duncan

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