



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

April 29, 2005

GARY DUNCAN
COACHMEN RV COMPANY, LLC
423 NORTH MAIN STREET
MIDDLEBURY IN 46540

NVS-215
05V-173

Subject: PRESSURE GAUGE FALSE READING

Dear MR. DUNCAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
COACHMEN/SPORTSCOACH LEGEND/2004-2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-173

Recall Date: April 25, 2005

Components:
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR:SUPPLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 40

Summary:
CERTAIN MOTORHOMES BUILT ON SPARTAN CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH AMETEK NGI GAUGES. THE AIR GAUGES ARE NOT PROPERLY CALIBRATED AND THE LOW AIR WARNING INDICATOR MAY BE ACTIVATED WHEN ACTUAL AIR RESERVOIR PRESSURE READINGS ARE BELOW THE REQUIRED RANGE OF 60 TO 65 PSI.

Consequence:

THE LOW AIR WARNING ALARM WILL SOUND, BUT THERE MAY NOT BE ENOUGH TIME TO REACT BEFORE THE SPRING (PARK) BRAKE ENGAGES, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

SPARTAN IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT SPARTAN AT 517-543-6400 OR COACHMEN AT 574-825-5821.

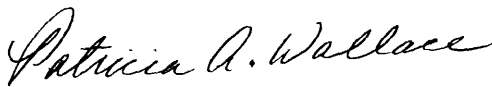
Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

As stated in your report, Spartan will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Spartan's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,


for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division