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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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GULF STREAM COACH, INC.
503 S. OAKLAND AVENUE
NAPPANEE IN 46550

NVS-215
05V-446

Subject: HOLDING TANK STEEL BRACKET LOCATION

Dear MR. SATOSKI:

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:
GULF STREAM/VISTA CRUISER/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-446

Mfg's Report Date: September 23, 2005

Components: EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 306

Summary:
ON CERTAIN CLASS B MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON THE SPRINTER CHASSIS, THE STEEL BRACKET SECURING THE HOLDING TANK IS INSTALLED IN A LOCATION IN WHICH IT PRESSES AGAINST THE OEM BRAKE LINES.

Consequence:
THIS CONDITION CREATES POINTS OF POSSIBLE WEAR DUE TO VIBRATION DURING VEHICLE OPERATION WHICH, OVER TIME, COULD CAUSE THE BRAKE LINES TO FATIGUE AND LEAK BRAKE FLUID. THIS COULD CAUSE FAILURE OF THE BRAKES TO OPERATE PROPERLY WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPAIR THESE VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT GULF STREAM AT 1-574-773-7761.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

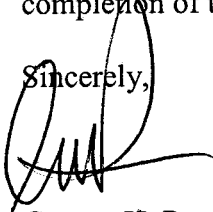
The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during September or October 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement