



COUNTRY COACH

Mr. George Person
Chief, Recall Management Office
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20594

25V-373
(4 pages)

Subject: 573 Submittal

August 22, 2005

Dear Mr. Person:

Country Coach, Inc. (CCI) has determined that a potential safety defect exists in certain Model Year 2005 Affinity and Magna motor homes concerning the possible extension of the rear slide room while in-transmit.

Country Coach was notified on July 13, 2005, that the rear slide room of a motorhome had extended while in-transmit. Upon inspection it was found that the hydraulic hoses located in the engine compartment had begun leaking fluid and the loss of hydraulic fluid had allowed the slide room to partially extend without notice to the driver.

On February 22, 2005, Country Coach, Inc. began Warranty Campaign WB04-25 to relocate the HWH hydraulic hoses on motorhomes already in the field. All affected customers were sent a warranty package explaining the need to have the relocation performed as well as having any hydraulic hoses replaced that exhibited signs of blistering or leaking. The customer reporting this incident did receive the Warranty Bulletin but had not had the repair performed.

The recall remedy for this defect will be the same as the manufacturing remedy, the relocation of the HWH hydraulic hoses outside of the engine compartment, and the replacement of any hoses that exhibit signs of blistering or leaking. Work for this repair will be performed pursuant to the attached Safety Defect Report Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573 and provided at no cost to the owner.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-998-3720 x8138.

Sincerely,

Gary Dwyer
Director, Quality Assurance and Compliance Administration
Country Coach Inc.

Enclosure: 49 CFR PART 573

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135 East First Avenue | PO Box 400 | Junction City, OR 97448

**Safety Defect Information Report
Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573**

Country Coach, Inc. has decided that certain motor homes it manufactured have a safety defect. Country Coach is hereby providing notification to your office in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

The information required by your regulations follows.

1. 573.5 (c)(1) Manufacturer's name and address.

Country Coach, Inc.
135 East First Ave.
P.O. Box 400
Junction City, OR 97448

2. 573.5 (c)(2) Equipment involved in this notification:

Model Year: 2005 Affinity Motorhomes manufactured from March 2004 to November 2004

VIN Range: 4U7D9FZ1351104008 – 4U7D9FZ1X51104426

Vehicle Type: MPV

Bodystyle: Motor Home

Model Year: 2005 Magna Motorhomes manufactured from March 2004 to November 2004

VIN Range: 4U7V9FZ1151103788 – 4U7C9FZ1251104416

Vehicle Type: MPV

Bodystyle: Motor Home

3. 573.5 (c)(3) Total number of items of equipment:

A total of 12 Model Year 2005 Affinity motor homes are involved. All 12 motor homes are consumer owned.

A total of 33 Model Year 2005 Magna motor homes are involved. All 33 motor homes are consumer owned.

A total of 45 motor homes are involved.

4. **573.5 (c)(4) Approximate percentage of equipment estimated to actually contain the noncompliance:**

100% of the motor homes identified in item 2, above, have the safety defect.

5. **573.5 (c)(5) Description of the safety defect:**

Brief summary of safety defect:

Due to the heat generated in the engine compartment, HWH hydraulic slide room hoses could blister and leak. Loss of hydraulic fluid could cause the slide room to unexpectedly extend while in-transit.

Detailed description of noncompliance:

HWH hydraulic slide room hoses were installed in the engine compartment. HWH slide room hoses could blister and leak due to the engine heat generated in this compartment. Relocation of the hoses out of the engine compartment will correct this situation.

6. **Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:**

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Country Coach opened an investigation on July 13, 2005 and found the following:

On February 22, 2005, Country Coach, Inc. began Warranty Campaign WB04-25 to relocate the HWH hydraulic hoses on motorhomes already in the field. All affected customers were sent a warranty package explaining the need to have the relocation performed as well as having any hydraulic hoses replaced that exhibited signs of blistering or leaking. The customer reporting this incident did receive the Warranty Bulletin but had not had the repair performed.

A total of 107 customers were notified under WB04-25 and of that total number 62 have had the recommended repair performed.

It was determined on August 15, 2005 that a safety defect existed.

7. **573.5 (c)(8) Description of proposed remedy:**

Country Coach has determined that the recall remedy for this defect will be the same as the manufacturing remedy, the relocation of the HWH hydraulic hoses outside of the engine compartment, and the replacement of any hoses that exhibit signs of blistering or leaking.

The repair and replacement parts will be performed and provided at no cost to the owner.

8. **Program for Remedy Campaign:**

Country Coach will notify all owners of the affected motor homes and will offer to remedy the motor homes free of charge. Safety recall notices will be mailed to the owners of the affected motor homes and a Dealer Vehicle Safety Defect Service Bulletin will be mailed to all dealers on or before September 1, 2005. All mailings will be by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and First Class Mail.