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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION  
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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 certain 2005 & 2006 Model Year Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. Class "B" motor homes built on the sprinter chassis.

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

Certain 2005 & 2006 Model Year Vista Cruiser class "B" motor homes built from 5 JAN 04 through 25 AUG 05 are potentially affected.

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

Approximately 306 motor homes were shipped from our production facilities, which could have the brake line condition described below.

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

At this point Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. estimates that 100% of the potentially affected vehicles have the brake line condition described below.

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

The steel bracket securing the holding tank is installed in a location in which it presses against the OEM brake lines. 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 thereby resulting in possible property damage or bodily injury.

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

Gulf Stream Coach was made aware of the potential safety issue through communication with a retail owner which led to further investigation and data collection.

**573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program**

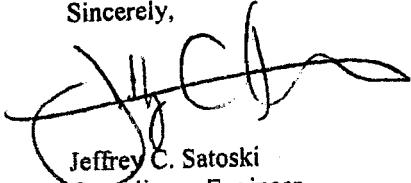
Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. will mail the safety recall notice to owners of record of the affected vehicles. The owners will be instructed to take their vehicle to any authorized Gulf Stream Dealer or a repair facility capable of completing these repairs according to the work instructions provide. There will be no charge to owners for this service. It is currently anticipated that owner and dealer notification letters will be mailed before 30 SEP 05.

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

A copy of the notification letters to vehicle owners and dealers will be forwarded to you in the next few days upon completion. A copy of the work instruction for fixing this condition is included with this transmission.

Please contact me with the number you assign to this recall.

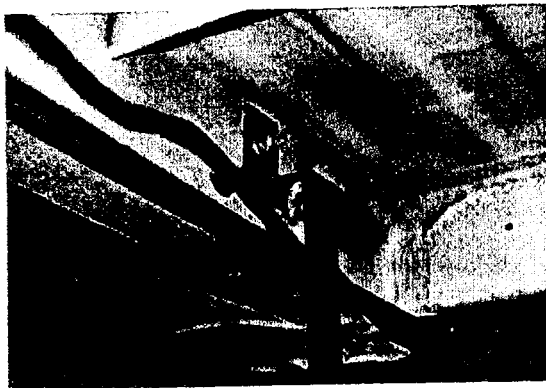
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Satoski', with a large, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Jeffrey C. Satoski  
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The following instruction should be followed to insure proper brake line clearance on The Vista Cruiser MB

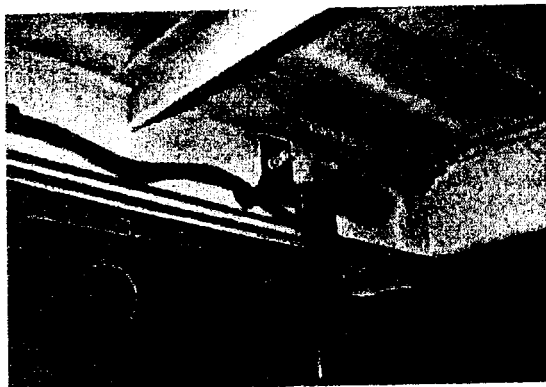
- Make sure holding tank is empty
  - Remove front tank bracket bolt nearest to the floor
  - Pull Bracket down (they are flexible enough the other bolt does not need to be removed) and insert between the brake lines and the frame
  - Reattach the bracket where the bolt was removed
- Repeat above for the rear bracket



Unbolt bracket one bracket at a time



Pull bracket down and push under brake lines



Push bracket back up to attachment point and replace bolt



As seen when re-attached there is 3/8" to 1/2" of clearance between brake lines and bracket