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Mr. George Person
Chief, Recall Management Office
National Highway Traffic Safety Adm.
400 7th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

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March 29, 2006

Dear Mr. Person:

Country Coach, Inc. has determined that one hundred-three (103) Model Years 2005 and 2006 Affinity and Magna motor homes it manufactured fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, *Tire selection and rims for motor vehicles other than passenger cars*. This noncompliance is related to Motor Vehicle Safety.

It has been determined that the identified Magna and Affinity motor homes were erroneously assigned cold tire inflation pressures for the Toyo 12R22.5 rear tires which exceeds the manufacturer's recommended maximum cold inflation pressure for a dual application. As a result, these motor homes do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, *Tire selection and rims for vehicles other than passenger cars*.

To date, we have not received any reports of blowouts on motor homes included in this proposed recall. To correct the situation, as described in paragraph 2, Country Coach will issue new Federal tire labels. This work will be performed at no cost to the owner.

If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 541-998-3720 x8382.

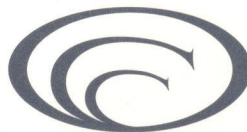
Sincerely,

Dick Sabath
Senior Manager, Warranty and Compliance Administration
Country Coach, Inc

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THE WORLD'S FINEST MOTORCOACHES

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COUNTRY COACH

**Noncompliance Information Report
Pursuant to 49 CFR part 573**

Country Coach, Inc. has determined that certain motor homes it manufactured fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, *Tire selection and rims for vehicles other than passenger cars*. 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 motor homes manufactured from September 2004 through February 2005

VIN Range: 4U7D9FZ1451104342 – 4U7D9FZ1251104694

Vehicle Type: MPV

Bodystyle: Motor Home

Model Year 2006; Affinity motor homes manufactured from March 2005 through April 2005

VIN Range: 4U7D9FZ1861104734 – 4U7D9FZ1661104859

Vehicle Type: MPV

Bodystyle: Motor Home

Model Year 2005; Magna motor homes manufactured from October 2004 through February 2005

VIN Range: 4U7D9EZ1051104358 – 4U7C9FZ1851104646

Vehicle Type: MPV

Bodystyle: Motor Home

Model Year 2006; Magna motor homes manufactured from February 2005 through April 2005

VIN Range: 4U7C9FZ1061104707 – 4U7C9FZ1361104866

Vehicle Type: MPV

Bodystyle: Motor Home

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

A total of 103 motor homes are involved.

Model Year 2005 – 21 Affinity motor homes are consumer owned

Model Year 2006 – 7 Affinity motor homes are consumer owned

Model Year 2005 – 45 Magna motor homes are consumer owned

Model Year 2006 – 30 Magna motor homes are consumer owned

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, are noncompliant with FMVSS No. 120, *Tire selection and rims for vehicles other than passenger cars*.

5. **573.5 (c)(5) Description of the noncompliance:**

Brief summary of noncompliance:

The identified Magna and Affinity motor homes were erroneously assigned cold tire inflation pressures for the Toyo 12R22.5 rear tires which exceeds the manufacturer's recommended maximum cold inflation pressure for a dual application. As a result, these motor homes do not comply with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, *Tire selection and rims for vehicles other than passenger cars*.

Detailed description of noncompliance:

FMVSS No. 120 specifies requirements for the selection and marking of tires and rims for motor vehicles other than passenger cars. The motor homes cited above were erroneously assigned the cold tire inflation pressure of 120 psi for the rear tires that exceeds the manufacturer's recommended maximum cold inflation pressure of 110 psi in a dual application. Although the tires installed on these motor homes comply with S5.1.2 and S5.3.1 of FMVSS No. 120 the Federal tire labels are incorrect. In some cases, this noncompliance could lead to premature tire wear and potentially a tire failure if the tires are inflated to the maximum inflation

pressure. Such a tire failure could result in the loss of steering control and could result in a motor vehicle accident.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

In March 2006, while compiling motor home information it was discovered that the identified motor homes had been assigned a cold tire inflation pressure for the rear tires that exceeds the manufacturer's recommendations. A further review of all subsequent Affinity and Magna Federal tire labels were found to have been assigned the correct cold tire inflation pressure for the rear tires. On March 28, 2006 it was decided a non-compliance existed.

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

Country Coach will issue replacement Federal tire labels reflecting the corrected cold tire inflation pressure for the rear tires. The Rear Axle Weight Rating (RAWR) of these motor homes is 20,000 lbs. The replacement Federal tire labels will have a cold tire inflation pressure of 95 psi that supports 23,120 pounds. At the corrected cold tire inflation pressure of 95 psi the weight carrying capacity of the tires meets/exceeds the RAWR. The Federal tire labels will be provided at no cost to motor home owners. The labor required to remove and replace the Federal tire label is not expected to exceed one-quarter (1/4) hour.

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. Noncompliance notices will be mailed to the owners of the affected motor homes and a Dealer Vehicle Safety Noncompliance Service Bulletin will be mailed to all dealers on or before April 10, 2006. All mailings will be by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and First Class Mail.