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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

April 3, 2006

Dear Mr. Person:

Country Coach, Inc. has decided that a potential safety defect exists in twenty-one (21) Model Year 2003 Lexa motor homes it manufactured. The exhaust pipe connection to the inlet and outlet side of the muffler may come apart expelling super-heated exhaust into the engine compartment which could cause a fire. This safety defect is related to Motor Vehicle Safety

To date, we have received one (1) report of a fire in the identified motor homes included in this proposed recall. To correct the situation, as described above, Country Coach will replace both clamps. 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

Enclosures (1) Noncompliance Information Report, 573

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



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

Country Coach, Inc. has decided that certain motor homes it manufactured have a vehicle 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 2003 Lexa Motor Homes Manufactured from March 2002 through October 2002
VIN Range: 4U7G9EX1631102542 – 4U7G9FX1731103019
Vehicle Type: MPV
Bodystyle: Motor Home

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

A total of 21 Model Year 2003 Lexa motor homes are involved. All 21 motor homes are consumer owned.

A total of TWENTY-ONE (21) 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:

Exhaust pipe connection to the inlet and outlet side of the muffler may come apart due to the band type of muffler inlet clamp currently being used.

Detailed description of noncompliance:

Exhaust pipe connection to the inlet and outlet side of the muffler may come apart due to the band type of muffler clamp currently being used. Should either of these clamp come apart the super-heated exhaust being expelled in the engine compartment could cause a fire.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

March 28, 2006, Coach 6224 was serviced at the Country Coach Service Facility, Junction City, Oregon. At time of service it was noted that the existing band type clamps attaching the muffler to the exhaust pipe and securing the muffler to the tail pipe were not holding. These clamps were replaced with a guillotine type clamp which has greater clamping capability.

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

Replace the existing band type clamps attaching the muffler to the exhaust pipe and securing the muffler to the tail pipe with guillotine type clamps. This work will be performed at no cost to the owner. The amount of labor required to perform this repair is not expected to exceed 3.0 hours.

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 April 24, 2006. All mailings will be by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and First Class Mail.