



**Gulf Stream Coach Incorporated**  
**503 South Oakland Avenue**  
**Nappanee, Indiana 46550**

**06V-435**  
**(12 pages)**

Kenneth N. Weinstein  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20590

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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 2006 & 2007 Model Year Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. Special Transportation Vehicle travel trailers and fifth wheel RVs.

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

Certain model year 2006 & 2007 Track & Trail and G-Force travel trailers & fifth wheel trailers of the following models; 23RTH, 225RTH, 265RTH, 220GF, & 3105GF.

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

Approximately 91 vehicles were shipped from our production facilities, which could have the fuel station support configuration 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 fuel station support configuration condition described below.

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

The fuel station in the above listed models may be installed in such a manner as to limit the amount of transverse and or lateral support for the fuel tank. The fuel tank could become dislodged causing fuel spillage. This could result in a fire causing property damage, injury, or death.

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

Gulf Stream Coach was made aware of the potential safety issue during a routine inspection, which led to further investigation and data collection.

**573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program / Remedy**

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 provided. There will be no charge to owners for this service. It is currently anticipated that owner and dealer notification letters will be mailed before 28 NOV 06.

Due to the different fuel tank securement configurations of the various models, some vehicles will need both added bottom support and lateral bracing, while other models will only require lateral bracing

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

A copy of the notification letters to vehicle owners and dealers as well as a copy of work instructions VA58.4.09.0273 and VA58.4.09.0276 for completing the installation(s) are included with this transmission.

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

Sincerely,

*Jeffrey C. Satoski*

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Compliance Engineer  
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**Dealer Name**  
**Address**  
**City, State Zip**

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL CAMPAIGN ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**NHTSA Assigned Campaign Number – xxxxxx**

Model: **x**            Serial #: **x**

This letter is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Please take notice that Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. is issuing a voluntary recall under the provisions of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

**NON-COMPLIANCE INVOLVED**

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. has determined that a safety defect may exist in the vehicle identified above. This determination was made because the fuel station may be installed in such a manner as to limit the amount of transverse & or lateral support for the fuel tank.

**REMEDY**

For all models, install lateral support kit #49C197. This kit consists of two 3” long steel angle brackets and fasteners – one bracket gets installed at each end of the fuel tank (G-Force models have two fuel tanks and will require two kits).

For models 23RTH, 225RTH, 265RTH & 3105GF, install bottom support kit #49C198. This kit consists of two long steel angle brackets, two shorter steel angle brackets, and fasteners. The brackets are first assembled together and then installed onto the vehicle framing at the underside of the fuel station. Each vehicle will require one kit per fuel tank (the 3105GF will require two kits).

**DEALER CAMPAIGN RESPONSIBILITY**

Our records indicate that the vehicle identified above is still in your possession. Federal law requires that this unit be repaired prior to delivery to a customer. Therefore this unit must be held and repaired per the service procedure of this recall campaign before the owner takes possession.

If you have already sold this unit please contact Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. immediately with the new owner's address and we will send them a copy of the retail owner recall notice.

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If a retail owner contacts you to perform this recall, the work is to be performed at no charge to the owners, regardless of age of vehicle, or ownership.

Recall campaigns should receive the highest priority in your shop because of the safety factor involved and work must be scheduled promptly regardless of where the vehicle was purchased.

#### FILING A CLAIM

The operation for installing kit #49C197 (3" lateral supports) will pay a flat rate of .5 hr. and should be processed under flat rate code number 7501. All G-Force (GF) models have two fuel tanks and will require two kits, therefore, the flat rate should be submitted two times. All models require the installation of this kit.

The operation for installing kit #49C198 (bottom supports) will pay a flat rate of 1 hr. and should be processed under flat rate code number 7502. Only models 23RTH, 225 RTH, 265RTH & 3105GF require this kit. Model 3105GF will require two of them, therefore, the flat rate should be submitted two times.

Please contact our Service and Warranty Department to obtain a warranty billing authorization number in order to expedite this corrective action and subsequent reimbursement.

Please have your claim completed correctly with the above information and authorization number and fax warranty claim to our warranty department at 1-574-773-2506, or process using our on-line warranty system (AWS/Warranty Pro).

#### REPAIR INSTRUCTIONS

Please read the enclosed directions carefully and completely before starting this procedure. If you have any questions, or have started this procedure and have run into difficulty or you are approaching the allowed flat rate maximum, you must contact our Service Department at 1-800-482-6451.


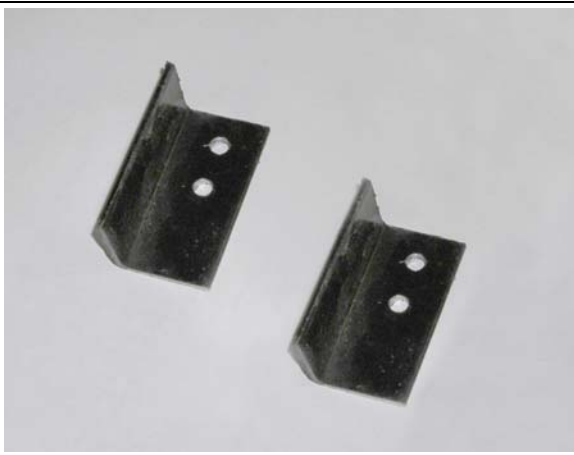
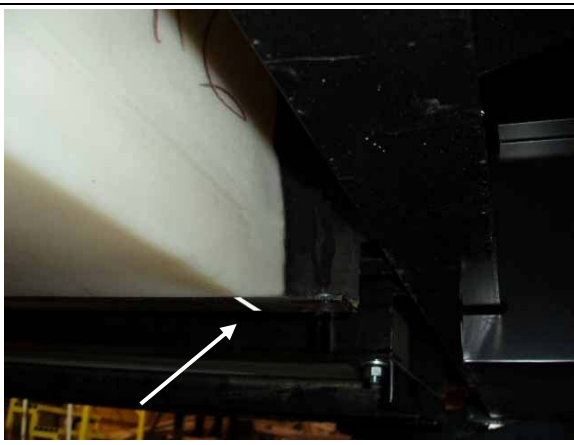

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

GULF STREAM COACH, INC.




*John Smith*





John Smith  
Director of Parts & Service  
Towable Division





Step	Visual	Description
1		<p>✂ Tools required: 3/8" socket, screw gun.</p>
2		<p>✂ Obtain the two retaining brackets and #14 X 1" hex head drill point screws from the provided kit (kit #49C197).</p>
3		<p>✂ On the non-fill end of the fuel tank, place a mark on the fuel tank brace flush with the end of the fuel tank.</p>
4		<p>✂ Line up one of the retaining brackets with the line made in Step 3 on the fuel tank brace, as shown to the left.</p> <p>! The retaining bracket must be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flush with the mark</li> <li>• And flush with the fuel tank's bottom edge.</li> </ul>





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Step	Visual	Description
5		<p>⚙️ If needed, slide the gas tank away from the mark for extra work space.</p> <p>🔧 Install a fastener through each of the predrilled holes into the fuel tank brace in accordance with Step 4.</p>
6		<p>! Ensure the retaining bracket looks like the picture shown to the left.</p>
7		<p>🔧 On the fill end of the fuel tank, slide the fuel tank flush against the retaining bracket installed in Step 5.</p> <p>🔧 Using the remaining two fasteners, install the second retaining bracket at the opposite corner of the fuel tank flush against the fuel tank and flush with the fuel tank's bottom edge.</p>

Step	Visual	Description
1		<p>✂ Tools required: 9/16" socket (2), 3/8" drill bit, drill, ratchet wrench, torque wrench.</p>
2		<p>✂ Obtain the gas tank support angles and the assembly fasteners from the provided kit (kit #49C198).</p> <p>! All bolts used in this process are 3/8 x 1" in size and need to be torqued to 30 ft lbs.</p>
3		<p>✂ On one of the long angles, place a flat washer over the end of a bolt and insert the bolt through the hole, in the direction shown.</p>
4		<p>✂ Insert the bolt through the bottom of the short angle's hole with the frame angles aligned as shown.</p>

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5		<p>✘ Place a flat washer over the bolt.</p>
6		<p>✘ Place a lock washer over the top of the flat washer.</p> <p>✘ Hand tighten a nut onto the bolt.</p>
7		<p>✘ Repeat Steps 3 through 6 for the other end of the short angles and then for the opposite end of the long angles.</p>
8		<p>✘ While ensuring the long angle pieces are perpendicular to the short angle pieces, tighten each of the 4 nuts on the support assembly to 30 ft lbs using a torque wrench and a ratchet.</p>

Step	Visual	Description
9		<p>✘ Line up the edge of the support assembly with the edge of the fuel braces and clamp it in place.</p>
10		<p>✘ Using the holes in the support assembly as guides, drill through the existing fuel tank braces (4 places) with a 3/8" diameter drill bit.</p> <p>! When drilling the holes, the fuel tank must be positioned away from the drill bit's path.</p>
11		<p>✘ Place a flat washer over the end of a bolt and insert the bolt up through one of the holes drilled in Step 10.</p>
12		<p>✘ Place a flat washer over the end of the bolt.</p> <p>✘ Place a lock washer on top of the flat washer.</p> <p>✘ Hand tighten a nut onto the bolt.</p>

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13		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Repeat Steps 11 and 12 for the remaining holes on the tank support.</li> <li>✘ Remove any clamps or blocks used to hold the support assembly in place.</li> </ul>
14		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✘ Using the torque wrench and a 9/16" socket, tighten the nuts securing the fuel tank support assembly to the fuel tank brace to 30 ft lbs.</li> </ul>
15		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>💡 The completed installation should resemble the picture shown to the left.</li> </ul>

**Retail Name**  
**Address**  
**City, State Zip**

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**IMPORTANT**

This recall will need to be completed as soon as possible by any authorized Gulf Stream Dealer or a repair facility capable of completing these repairs according to the work instructions provided. The time required for completing this inspection and correction by an experienced technician is no more than two hours, however due to service scheduling requirements, the repair facility may need your vehicle for a longer period of time. The cost will be paid directly to the facility that does the correction by Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. or reimbursed to the customer as needed.

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If you have changed your address or sold the vehicle please fill out the enclosed prepaid postcard and mail it to us so we can update our records. If you have sold the vehicle, the information you provide on the postcard will be used to notify the new owner about this safety compliance recall. If you have sold the vehicle and do not know the VIN number, please provide the vehicle serial number or your name so that we can properly identify the vehicle.

Federal Regulations require any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

If you paid to remedy the issue addressed in this notice, you may be eligible for a refund. Please provide the paid invoice to an authorized dealer or directly to Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. at P.O. Box 1005, Nappanee, IN 46550, Attn: Towable Service. If you are taking your vehicle to a non Gulf Stream Dealer the facility you have chosen will need to contact Gulf Stream Service at 1-800-482-6451 and request authorization and instructions for the repair.

If you have trouble getting your vehicle repaired promptly and without charge, please contact the service manager at the service facility. If you still have concerns please call Gulf Stream Coach at 1-800-482-6451 and speak to a Service Representative regarding this notice.

You may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, if you believe that the service and repair that you have received through Gulf Stream Coach is unsatisfactory.

Sincerely,

GULF STREAM COACH, INC.

*John Smith*

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Director of Parts & Service  
Towable Division