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07V-318

Subject: GAWR INCORRECT ON CERTIFICATION LABEL/PART 567

Dear MR. MIHALICK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

GENERAL COACH/CITATION/2006-2008
GENERAL COACH/CITATION RESORT/2006-2008
GENERAL COACH/PRESTIGE/2006-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-318

Mfg's Report Date: June 15, 2007

Components: EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 19

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAVEL AND PARK TRAILERS, THE GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING ON THE FEDERAL CERTIFICATION LABEL IS INCORRECT.

Consequence:

THE GAWR RATINGS AS SHOWN ON THE CERTIFICATION LABEL IS 2,359 KGS (5,200 LBS). THE ACTUAL VALUE SHOULD BE 2,304 KGS (5,079 LBS) FOR VEHICLES WITH 'D' RANGE TIRES AND SHOULD BE 1,950 KGS (4,299 LBS) FOR VEHICLES WITH 'C' RANGE TIRES. OVERLOADING OR EXCEEDING THE FRONT GAWR MAY CREATE AXLE FATIGUE OR FAILURE RESULTING IN A LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL AND/OR A CRASH.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL BE PROVIDED A NEW CERTIFICATION LABEL WITH CORRECT INFORMATION AS WELL AS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS. A DEALER WILL REPLACE THE LABEL IF THE CONSUMER SO DESIRES. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT GENERAL COACH AT 1-519-262-2600.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577. The second sentence needs to read:

“General Coach has decided that certain General Coach Travel Trailers or Park Trailers fails to conform to the requirements of Part 567, “Certification.” The Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) is incorrect on the certification label.”

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

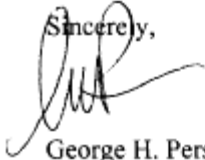
You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at Patricia.wallace@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement