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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
07V-483

Subject: SPARE TIRE CARRIER

Dear MR. DUNCAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect 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:
COACHMEN/AURORA/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-483

Mfg's Report Date: October 12, 2007

Components: TIRES: TEMPORARY/EMERGENCY SPARE TIRE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 193

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, THE SPARE TIRE CARRIER ASSEMBLY MOUNTED UNDER THE REAR OF THE UNIT IS THE INCORRECT MODEL TO PROPERLY SUPPORT THE SPARE TIRE.

Consequence:

AS A RESULT, THE POTENTIAL EXISTS FOR THE SPARE TIRE TO BECOME DETACHED FROM THE CARRIER ASSEMBLY AND FALL TO THE ROAD SURFACE. SHOULD THE SPARE TIRE DETACH ITSELF FROM THE CARRIER WHILE THE VEHICLE IS IN MOTION, A CRASH MAY RESULT.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE CORRECT SPARE TIRE SYSTEM AND ALSO A SECONDARY MECHANICAL BACK-UP LATCH. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING OCTOBER 2007. OWNERS MAY CONTACT COACHMEN AT 1-800-453-6064.

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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577. However, please revise your owner letters to include the following updated NHTSA hotline information: "...the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., 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>."

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,



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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement