

Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report

On December 22, 2006, Newell Coach Corporation decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in items of motor vehicle equipment listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and noncompliance reports.

This report was prepared December 22 2006.

1. Newell Coach Corporation, John Clark, VP/Customer Service, PO Box 511, Miami OK 74355, 918 542 5582 ext 270, johnc@newellcoach.com.

2. Newell motor homes:

Units produced from February 14, 2003 through December 12 2006 having Vin numbers ending with: 671, 681, 685, 697-816, and 1200-1216

3. 138 coaches


4. 13%

5. **Defect:** steering box mounting bolts may not have been properly tightened during production process. **Cause:** Intermittent failure to follow procedures. **Consequences:** excessive play in steering and possible loss of steering box attachment..

6. **Chronology:** Found and tightened loose steering box bolts on coach #1204 - 11/30/2006. Found and tightened loose bolts on coach #786 12/19/2006. Inspected 27 coaches at plant and found two with loose bots 12/20/06 -12/21/06. Initiated NHTSA recall procedures 12/21/2006.

7. N/A

8. Inspect for security of mounting bolts and replace and re-torque bolts as necessary



John Clark
VP/Customer Service