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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

January 11, 2007

Dear Mr. Person:

Country Coach, Inc. has decided that a potential safety defect exists in fifty-one (51) Model Year 2007 Intrigue motor homes it manufactured. Certain motor homes manufactured with the Tuthill 1660 independent front suspension have front air brake hoses that could potentially be chaffed and/or rubbed by the steer axle tires or chassis components under certain conditions. These conditions can potentially result in the loss of braking. This safety defect is related to Motor Vehicle Safety

To date, there have been no reports of accidents caused by the conditions as stated above in any of the identified motor homes included in this proposed recall. To correct the situation as described above, Country Coach will re-route and secure the brake hoses. 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
Compliance Administration
Country Coach, Inc

Enclosures (1) Noncompliance Information Report, 573

**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: 2007
VIN Range: 4U7B8EZ1X71010067 – 4U7B8DZ1071010122
Vehicle Type: MPV
Bodystyle: Motor Home

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

A total of 51 Model Year 2007 Intrigue motor homes are involved. 100% of the motor homes are consumer owned.

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:

Country Coach has determined that certain motor homes manufactured with the Tuthill 1660 independent front suspension as identified in item 2, above have front air brake hoses that could potentially be chaffed and/or rubbed by the steer axle tires or chassis components under certain conditions.

Detailed description of safety defect:

Country Coach Intrigue motor homes manufactured with the Tuthill 1660 independent front suspension have front brake hoses routed from the air supply fitting to the brake canister. Movement of the steering wheels during sharp radius turning maneuvers could result in the brake hoses coming into contact with either the tires or chassis components. Consequently, the hoses may suffer chaffing and/or rubbing damage to the braided surface and inner materials. The hoses also have the potential of snagging on an unused bracket. In addition, the red tubing brake hose from the ABS valve to the air supply bulkhead fitting has the potential to rub/chaff against the outer diameter of the tire. These conditions can potentially result in the loss of braking.

A motor home being operated with a brake hose rubbing, chaffing and/or snagging damage could suffer a sudden loss of braking on a steering wheel if the hose ruptured. The sudden loss of braking could cause the motor home to suddenly pull sharply to one side. If the brake treadle continued to be applied, a low air situation could develop and activate the rear spring brakes resulting in a sudden, unplanned stop. Either of these instances would have the potential to result in a vehicle accident. The Production and field remedies are the same.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

In late December 2006, while performing a Quality Assurance study on the Model Year 2007 Intrigue motor home it was discovered that the routing of the brake hoses could result in the rubbing, chaffing and/snagging of the brake hose.

In January 2007, these findings were the subject of an Engineering Review. This review confirmed that only those motor homes with the Tuthill 1660 independent front suspension had the potential for this issue. A procedure has been developed to correct this situation in all motor homes currently in Production. Only those motor homes at dealers or that are customer owned will require a retrofit.

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

Update front air brake line configuration and routing.

The amount of labor required to perform this repair is not expected to exceed one (1) hour.

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 1 February 2007. All mailings will be by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, and First Class Mail.