

COACHMEN RV GROUP

SERVICE OPERATIONS

December 5, 2007

TO: All Coachmen RV Company Dealers

RE: Safety Recall 07V-483

Dear Coachmen Dealer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Coachmen RV Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in 2006 Aurora Motorhomes, model numbers 3180DS, 3480DS, 3580TS and 3650TS. These vehicles were manufactured at Coachmen RV's Middlebury, Indiana facility from November 9, 2005 through May 2, 2006.

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Owners of suspect units will be notified in a letter instructing them to contact their Coachmen dealer to schedule an appointment to have their unit repaired. A copy of this letter is attached for your reference.

Please find attached repair instructions and information relating to the preparation and submission of claims for reimbursement.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. If you have any questions or require assistance, please contact your Regional Service Manager at 1-888-516-3569

Sincerely,

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC

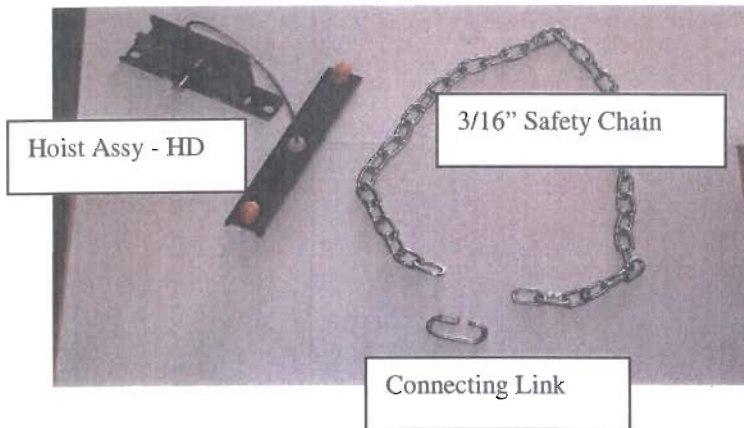
CRV SERVICE DEPARTMENT:	P.O. BOX 1000	·	MIDDLEBURY, IN 46540	·	800-453-6064	·	FAX 574-825-8339
GBM/SERVICE & PARTS DEPARTMENT:	P.O. BOX 1000	·	MIDDLEBURY, IN 46540	·	800-521-8733	·	FAX 574-825-5280
CRV SERVICE PARTS DEPARTMENT:	P.O. BOX 1109	·	MIDDLEBURY, IN 46540	·	800-891-5078	·	FAX 800-278-7278
COACHMEN OF GEORGIA:	P.O. BOX 0948	·	FITZGERALD, GA 31750	·	800-638-5471	·	FAX 229-423-1208
WEST COAST SERVICE OPERATIONS:	P.O. BOX 0905	·	CHINO, CA 91708	·	909-628-5755	·	FAX 909-628-5318



The following 4 pages are the field program procedure, when followed will ensure proper installation of the spare tire hoist & safety chain mounted under your 2006 Aurora class A motor home. You will need to evaluate and determine the type of system used in mounting your spare tire under your vehicle in order to replace the Hoist Assembly and add the Safety Chain & Connecting Link.

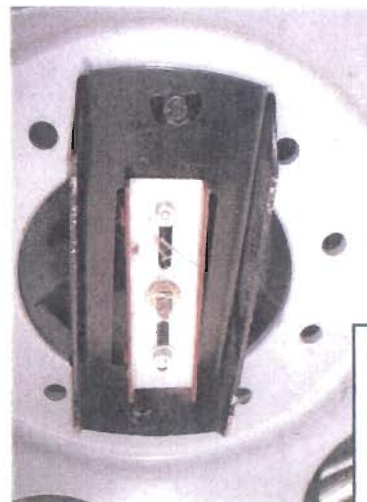
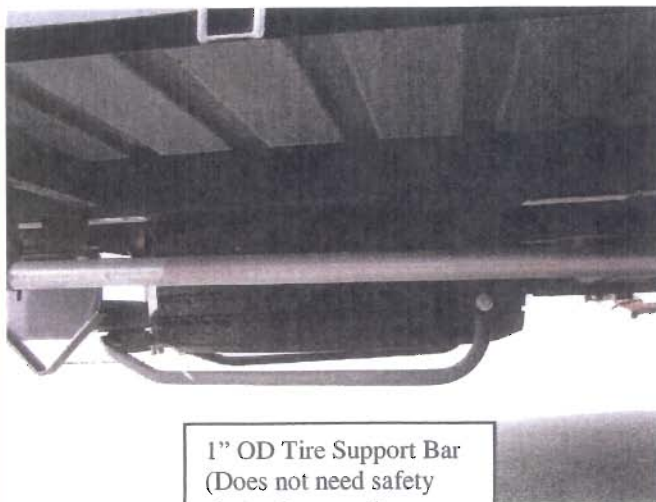
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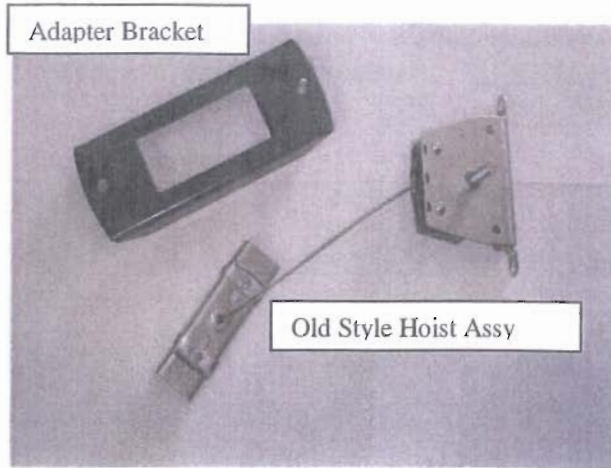
- Hoist Assembly, spare tire custom HD lift bar large wheel – 1 pc – #1160442
- Chain, 3/16" Proof Coil – 4ft - #7100892
- Chain, Link Connecting – 1pcs - #649550
- 1/4" Fender Washer – 1pc –
- 1/4" x 1-1/2" x 20 bolt 4 pcs -



Identify the type of system on your Vehicle

EXAMPLES OF SYSTEMS NEEDED TO BE REPLACED



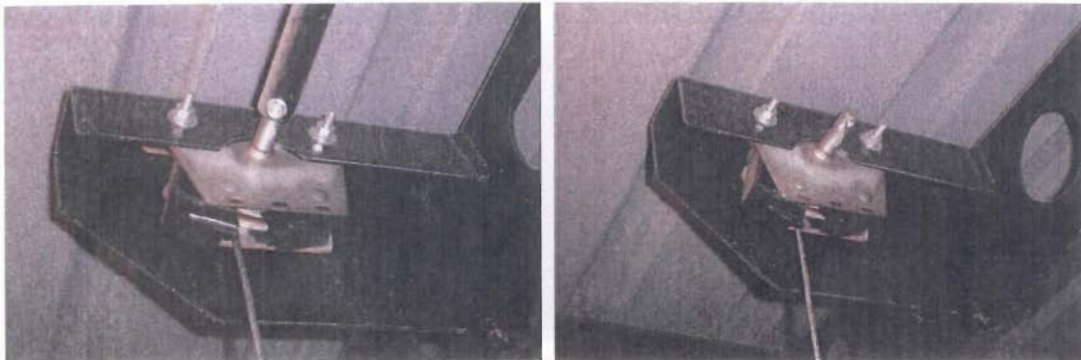


BAD – MUST BE REPLACED WITH NEW WINCH ASSY & SAFETY CHAIN & CONNECTING LINK
 *All system types ***must*** have the Hoist Assembly replaced and if no secondary safety device is provided, you must install the Safety Chain with Connecting Link. ** If your particular system is not shown, replace the Hoist & add Safety Chain or call the number at the end of this bulletin for assistance. **

PROCEDURE

STEP 1 : Remove original spare tire from under your vehicle.

STEP 2 : Remove the pin or bolt which attaches the spare tire hoist mechanism with the crank tube.



STEP 3 : Remove the spare tire hoist mechanism which is held in place with two to four 1/4" bolts.



STEP 4: Install the new spare tire hoist mechanism into the existing mounting location using the 1/4" bolts, ensure proper tightening of fasteners.



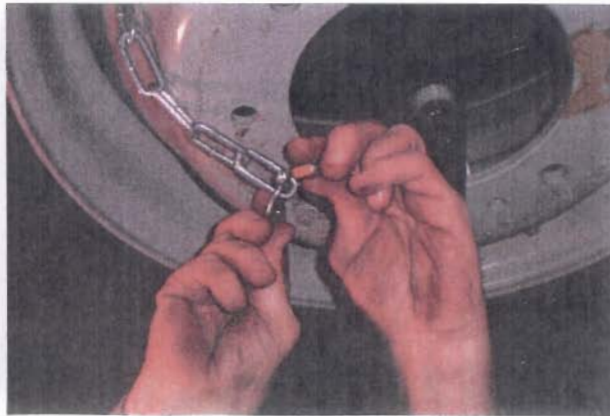
STEP 5: Rout safety chain through the one of the top mounting bolts, be sure to center the bolt with the fender washer on the chain links.



STEP 6: Reconnect the crank tube into the spare tire hoist mechanism and reinstall the connecting pin.

STEP 7: Turn crank tube to lower winch cable in order to load the spare tire from the ground.

STEP 8: Install spare tire, (WHEEL MUST BE POSITIONED SO THE TIRE VALVE STEM IS ON THE BOTTOM SIDE POINTING TO THE GROUND) ensure the lugs on the hoist cable lift plate bracket line up with the lug holes in the spare tire rim.



STEP 9: Turn crank to raise spare tire, continue to rotate crank in a clockwise direction until at least two crisp breaks are felt or until "clicks are heard. This "Stows" the wheel/tire by forcing the hoist clutch through an "overload" condition. Hoist cannot be over tightened.

STEP 10: Thread one end of safety chain through center hole next to the lift plate bracket and the other end around the outside of the tire and join together with supplied connecting link.
(If your vehicle has the 1" diameter Spare Tire Support Bar installed you will not have to use the Safety Chain & Connecting Link).



ALWAYS CHECK WHEEL/TIRE ASSEMBLY FOR LOOSENESS BY PUSHING AGAINST OR SHAKING FROM UNDERNEATH.

By following these steps you will be able to successfully complete this field program. If you have further questions, feel free to contact your Regional Service Manager at 1-888-516-3569.

CLAIM FILING PROCEDURE

1. Complete all information required on a Coachmen warranty claim.
2. Use program code: **RE**
3. Use condition code: **100**
4. Use the following flat rate codes: **1316Z** **1.0 hr**
5. Claim materials under the parts section of the claim.
6. Submit the completed claim to Coachmen RV Company electronically through Coach-Link "On-Line".

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Repairs

Please take your unit promptly to your Coachmen dealer. At no charge to you, the Coachmen dealer will install the correct spare tire system and also a secondary mechanical back-up latch. The necessary repairs should not take more than (3) hours to complete.

Refunds

If you have paid to have this service performed prior to receiving this notice, you can receive a full refund. Please mail your paid original invoice or receipt to Coachmen RV Services, P.O. Box 1000, Middlebury, Indiana 46540.

Changed Address or Sold The Vehicle?

Please fill out the enclosed pre-paid postcard and mail it to us if you have changed your address or sold the vehicle. Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If your dealer does not make the required repair promptly and without charge, you may contact Coachmen Customer Service at 1-800-453-6064. You may also contact 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>.

We regret the inconvenience this situation may have caused you. However, Coachmen RV Company believes in the early detection and immediate correction of potential concerns. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC