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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
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Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Part # 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC. – Freightliner Custom Chassis Recall Campaign # FL-517

Dear Mr. Person:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, this correspondence is to serve as our notification to NHTSA of our acknowledgement of a recall being conducted by one of our component suppliers, Freightliner Custom Chassis (Freightliner) concerning a potential safety defect in some of their motorhome chassis supplied to Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC (Coachmen). The affected chassis were subsequently used in the build of certain Coachmen motorhomes.

Freightliner informed Coachmen that we received a total of 961 chassis affected by their recall campaign.

These chassis were used by Coachmen to build some of the following Class A motorhome products:

2005 MY Cross Country, Cross Country SE and Sportscoach Elite
2006 MY Cross Country, Cross Country SE, Sportscoach Elite and Sportscoach Encore,
2007 MY Cross Country and Sportscoach Elite

These motorhomes were manufactured by Coachmen between April, 2005 and May, 2007.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

Freightliners' recall notice describes the defect as follows:

“The inline power steering filter can plug due to failure of the screen adhesion to the filter housing causing a rise in return line pressure potentially leading to hose separation from the filter or steering gear fitting resulting in a sudden loss of steering fluid and power assist....Sudden loss of steering assist without warning involving a motorhome could be a problem for certain drivers and could lead to a vehicle crash.”

DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT

Coachmen became aware of the existence of this problem when we received a copy of Freightliner's recall owner notification letter on April 22, 2008. Freightliner provided Coachmen with a list of the affected chassis VIN's sold to Coachmen.

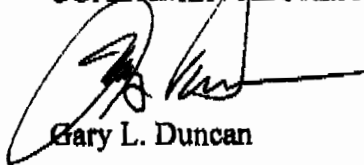
PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT

The complete list of affected Coachmen vehicles and owner information was provided to Freightliner Corporation on April 23, 2008 for their recall campaign. We understand that since Freightliner Corporation is conducting the recall campaign, they will be forwarding all further required information to NHTSA.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please advise.

Very Truly Yours,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC.



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