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PART 573 - DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

1 Manufacturer's name & address:

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.
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2. Vehicles Involved:

The vehicles covered by this Report are Gulf Stream Coach, Inc motor homes built on certain Freightliner chassis that were equipped with a possible defective SAF Holland ADL suspension. Model years of the affected vehicles include 2008, & 2009. Reference Freightliner recall number 08V269.

The vehicles were manufactured during the period from 19 SEP 07 through 25 FEB 08.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this report is 50 (none are Canadian). The models included are 40K Crescendo, 40YK Yellowstone, T40A, T40B, T40C, T40D & T40F Tour Masters.

4. Approximate percentage of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:

Freightliner claims that approximately 6% of the vehicles are affected.

5. Description of the defect:

The transverse beam weld may be improperly located on SAF Holland ADL and ADLSD suspensions allowing the transverse beam to separate from the suspension casting. If the transverse beam becomes separated from the casting, vehicle stability while cornering could be affected resulting in loss of vehicle control.

6. Chronological summary of events leading to this determination:

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. was informed of the non-compliance through a letter from Freightliner. We were also supplied an electronic database of the affected chassis.

7. Program for remedying the defect:

We will be forwarded the database containing the vehicle and owner contact information to Freightliner. We accept Freightliner's offer to conduct the recall, including contacting owners and filing the quarterly reports on our behalf.

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