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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 Freightliner XC chassis that may have been equipped with a defective inline power steering filter. Model years of the affected vehicles include 2006, & 2007. Reference Freightliner recall number 07V570.

The vehicles were manufactured during the period from 17 NOV 05 through 25 JUL 06.

3. Total number of vehicles:

The total number of vehicles covered by this report is 110 (99 non-Canadian & 11 Canadian). The models included are 8356 Crescendo or Yellowstone, 8386 Crescendo or Yellowstone, 8387 Friendship, 8411 Friendship, 8708 Friendship, T36 Tour Master, T40 Tour Master, & T41 Tour Master.

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

Unknown

5. Description of the defect:

The inline power steering filter may become plugged due to a failure of the screen to adhere to the filter housing, causing a rise in return line pressure. This may lead to a hose separation from the filter or the steering gear fitting, resulting in a sudden loss of steering fluid and power assist. A sudden loss of steering assist in a motor home may be a problem for certain drivers and could lead to a vehicle crash.

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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Compliance Engineer
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