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October 15, 2008

Director, Office of Defects Investigation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Part # 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC. – Daimler Trucks/Freightliner Custom Chassis Recall NHTSA # 08V-269

Dear Mr. Person;

Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company, LLC (Coachmen) has received written notification from Daimler Trucks North America LLC (Daimler) regarding their recall campaign NHTSA number 08V-269, Daimler assigned number FL530AB. This recall affects specific XC motorhome chassis manufactured between July 2, 2007 and October 30, 2007 by their subsidiary, Freightliner Custom Chassis Corporation (Freightliner).

Daimler notified Coachmen that we had received a total of 34 motorhome chassis affected by this recall campaign. Five (5) of the affected chassis are still in our (Coachmen's) possession. Coachmen used the remaining 29 chassis in the construction of our 2008 Model Year Sportscoach Elite, Sportscoach Legend and Sportscoach Pathfinder motorhomes built between October 2007 and February 2008.

DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT

Daimler's recall notification states that the following:

“Certain vehicles may have been built with SAF Holland ADL suspensions that have improperly located transverse beam welds, which may cause the transverse beam to separate from the suspension casting. If the transverse beam separates from the casting, vehicle stability while cornering could be affected, resulting in a loss of vehicle control and possible crash without prior warning.”

DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT

Coachmen received written notification from Daimler on October 10, 2008.

PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT

Daimler has indicated that they are conducting the owners' notification campaign and will be administering this recall campaign. We have provided them with the vehicle

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owner information for use in their mailing campaign, and understand that they will be submitting all further required reports to NHTSA directly.

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

Very Truly Yours,

COACHMEN RECREATIONAL VEHICLE COMPANY, LLC.

Gary L. Duncan

Cc: Michael Terlep, Jr. – Coachmen Recreational Vehicle Company LLC