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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E. W45-231
Washington, D.C. 20590

via Federal Express

RE: Defect Information Report FL-628, Motor home Hydraulic Brake Caliper

Dear Mr. Smith:

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Defect and Non-Compliance Reports, Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. ("GSC") submits the following information concerning a potential non-compliance, our **Initial Recall Report**.

GSC is conducting a voluntary recall involving (443) Four Hundred Forty Three, certain model Gulf Stream Motor homes built on Freightliner Custom Chassis hydraulic brake equipped motor home chassis manufactured March 18, 2005, through July 19, 2011.

573.6 (c)(2) – Potentially Affected Vehicles

(443) Four hundred forty three Class A Diesel Pusher motor homes brand names:
Crescendo, Sun Voyager, Independence, Bounty Hunters, Yellowstone.

Model year 2006, Models 8368 FRED, 8389 MXG, 8361 FRED, 8388 MXG, 8361 I, 8351 FRED.

Model year 2007, 8389MXG, 8388MGX, 351YFED, 342FRED, 368YFED, 378FRED, 361FRED, 8389LXG, 8389YFED, 368FRED, 351YFED, 324YFED, 378YFED.

Model year 2008, 324FRED, 324YFED, 325YFED, 325FRED, 368YFED, 368FRED, 378YFED, 8327I, 8327Y, 8358I, 8359I, 8359Y, 8360Y, 8360I, 8367Y, 8367I, 8378Y, 378FRED, 8378I, 8389MXG, 8381B, 3916B

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Model year 2009, 324YFED, 324FRED, 325FRED, 368FRED, 8327I, 8327Y, 8359I, 8360I, 8367I, 8383Y, 8393I, 3916B, 12E.

573.6 (c)(3) – Estimated Population of Vehicles Potentially Affected

Unknown

573.6 (c)(4) – Estimated Percentage of Affected Vehicles with the Condition

Unknown.

573.6 (c) (5) – Description of the Noncompliance

Hydraulic brake equipped motor home chassis exposed to long periods of non driving may experience diametrical brake caliper piston growth and reduced piston to bore clearance potentially leading to brake drag and overheating resulting in reduced brake performance.

49CFR Section 577.5(f) Evaluation of the risk to motor vehicle safety: Under certain driving conditions, reduced brake performance may lead to a crash.

(c)(6) Chronology of principal events: January 2012, NHTSA notified DTNA that it had received complaints of reduced brake performance on certain Bosch hydraulic disc brake equipped motor home chassis. DTNA opened an investigation. February through May 2012, DTNA conducted an investigation including testing, field inspections, and the review of returned material. May 21, 2012, DTNA determined that a defect related to the motor home safety exists in certain FCCC motor home chassis equipped with specific Bosch hydraulic brake calipers.

573.6 (c) (7) – Basis for Non-Compliance

GSC was made aware of the potential safety issue through recent notification received from the DTNA regarding their submission of NHTSA Recall Identification Number FL628, Interim Recall Notice. NHTSA #12V-242

573.6 (c) (8) – Remedial program:

Suspect vehicles will be inspected by DTNA to determine if they contain hydraulic brake calipers within the subject population. Brake calipers within the suspect population will be replaced. Repairs will be performed by Daimler Trucks North America authorized service facilities.

Reimbursement Plan: Copies will be submitted by DTNA as a supplemental report when available.

573.6 (c) (10) – Press Statement and Dealer/Owner Letters

At this time, GSC has no plan to make a public statement concerning the subject matter. DTNA will be providing the Dealer letter, and Owner letter to conduct this recall campaign.

573.6 (c)(11) – Recall Number

DTNA (Daimler Trucks North America) manufacturer's campaign number: FL-628
NHTSA recall number: 12V-242

Sincerely,
GULF STREAM COACH, INC.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Scott A. Pullin". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Scott A. Pullin