



U.S. Department of Transportation
**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

May 22, 2013

Mr. Scott Pullin
Vice President - Operations
Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.
503 S. Oakland Avenue
Nappanee, IN 46550

NVS-215KS
13V-198

Subject: Unexpected Unfurling of the Awning

Dear Mr. Pullin:

This letter serves to acknowledge Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

GULF STREAM/CANYON TRAIL/2013
GULF STREAM/KINGSPORT/2013
GULF STREAM/SEDONA/2013
GULF STREAM/TRAIL MASTER/2013

Mfr's Report Date: May 7, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-198

Components:

EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 27

Problem Description:

Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. is recalling certain model year 2013 Canyon Trail, Sedona, Ridgeline, Kingsport, and Trail Master recreational vehicle trailers manufactured February 13, 2013, through April 24, 2013. The vehicles are equipped with Weatherpro and 9100 series power awnings. Due to a design change in the power awning motor assembly, the motor assembly screws may unknowingly shear.

Consequence:

If the motor assembly screws shear, it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the vehicle is at rest or while in transit, increasing the risk of personal injury or a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Gulf Stream will notify owners and Dometic staff will replace the affected motors with motors of a different design. Gulf Stream has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Gulf Stream at 1-574-773-7761 or Dometic at 1-888-447-0003 for more information. Gulf Stream Coach's recall number for this campaign is 13AW-0204. Owners are being instructed not to drive their vehicle until repairs can be performed.

Notes:

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

We have received Gulf Stream's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:


You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement