

GULF STREAM



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RE: *Gulf Stream Coach, Inc. Initial Recall # 13FI-1013*

Dear Ms. Glass:

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

GSCI is conducting a voluntary recall involving certain Travel Trailer and Fifth Wheel "recreational vehicle trailers" built in our Nappanee, Indiana and Etna Green, Indiana manufacturing facilities.

573.6 (c)(2) – Potentially Affected Vehicles

Certain model year 2007 through 2013 Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheel trailers including brands: Cavalier, Innsbrook, Conquest, Amerilite, StreamLite, Emerald Bay, Fire Fly, V Stream Ultra, Mako, Gulf Breeze, Side Track, Matrix, Mini SuperLite, Zero Gravity, Visa, Capri, Northern Express, Vista, Aztec, Ridgeline, Yellowstone, Prairie Schooner, Sedona, Kingsport, G Force, Max Wide Open, Endura Max, Canyon Trail, Sedona, Ridgeline, Kingsport, Trail Master, Sky and Bull Dog all of which were manufactured in our Nappanee and Etna Green, Indiana facility during January 1, 2006 to April 25, 2013, both dates inclusive.

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

Unknown at this time

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

Unknown.

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

Fastec Industrial Corp., a division of WESCO Distribution, Inc., identified the potential defect exists in an FIC deadbolt lock sold between January 1, 2006 and April 25, 2013. The affected locks have been identified to have a potential jamming issue with the deadbolt cylinder. If the lock is affected, the key may be able to be removed from the locked door when the key in the deadbolt cylinder is in the horizontal (9) Nine O'clock position, potentially jamming the deadbolt and potentially causing the lever on the interior side of the door lock to become inoperable. In that event, a person inside the travel trailer/ fifth wheel trailer may not be able to unlock and open the main RV entry door, but he or she could still exit the trailer from the alternate emergency exist(s).

The potentially affected locks are all deadbolt locks that were sold during the period identified above which contain the following WESCO part numbers: 43610-00 (Chrome), 43610-06 (Black), 43610-09 (White), 40610-00 (Chrome), 40610-06 (Black), 40610-09 (White), 44610-03 (Chrome), 44610-06 (Black), 44610-09 (White).

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

GSCI was made aware of the potential safety issue through recent contact by representative of WESCO describing the basis of the recall with additional information to follow.

573.6 (c) (8) – Service Program

GSCI will provide detailed data base of potentially affected Travel Trailers and Fifth Wheels to WESCO Distribution, Inc. who will be conducting the Recall. WESCO Distribution Inc., will provide the safety recall notice to owners of record of the affected vehicles. The owners will be instructed on how to obtain replacement Lock Cylinders, along with detailed instructions on how to either make the necessary replacement or how to obtain additional assistance if needed in completing the replacement repair free of charge.

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

At this time, GSCI has no plan to make a public statement concerning the subject matter. A copy of the notification letters to dealers and owners from GSCI will be forwarded when available.

573.6 (c)(11) – Recall Number

GSCI has assigned recall number **13FI-1013** to this action.

Sincerely,
GULF STREAM COACH, INC.



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