

# Part 573 Safety Recall Report

# 17V-230

**Manufacturer Name :** Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.

**Submission Date :** APR 04, 2017

**NHTSA Recall No. :** 17V-230

**Manufacturer Recall No. :** GS040417



## Manufacturer Information :

**Manufacturer Name :** Gulf Stream Coach, Inc.

**Address :** P. O. Box 1005  
503 S. Oakland Avenue Nappanee IN  
46550

**Company phone :** 999-999-9999

## Population :

**Number of potentially involved :** 157

**Estimated percentage with defect :** 100 %

## Vehicle Information :

**Vehicle 1 :** 2011-2017 Amerilite-Superlite 14RBC

**Vehicle Type :** TRAILERS

**Body Style :** OTHER

**Power Train :** NR

**Descriptive Information :** Incorrect GVWR [Gross Vehicle Weith Rating] identified on Federal Placard.

**Production Dates :** JAN 18, 2011 - MAR 31, 2017

**VIN Range 1 : Begin :** 1NL1GTD29B1105754 **End :** 1NL1GTD2XJ1127132  Not sequential

## Description of Noncompliance :

**Description of the Noncompliance :** On certain model 14RBC Amerilite Super-lite travel trailers manufactured by Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., ("Gulfstream") the Federal Placard indicates the incorrect GVWR [Gross Vehicle Weight Rating]. Therefore, the trailer could potentially be overloaded should the customer rely on the Feder Placard with incorrect GVWR rating.

**FMVSS 1 :** 574 - Tire Identification & Recordkeeping

**FMVSS 2 :** NR

**Description of the Safety Risk :** Overloading trailers exceeding the capacity of the incorrect GVWR as stated may decrease the life expectancy of the tire and lead to poor handling characteristics, which could result in a crash causing property damage and/or personal injury.

**Description of the Cause :** Calculation of the load capacity was mistakenly achieved by using the load capacity of the axle [3500 lbs] as apposed to using the capacity of the tires. [ST175/80D13C tires with 2720 lbs capacity (two tires at 1360 lbs. each)]

**Identification of Any Warning that can Occur :** Overloaded tires could affect the safety of towing the trailer with potential irregular tire wear overheating of the tire which may lead to tire failure and or other damage.

**Supplier Identification :****Component Manufacturer**

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Country : United States

**Chronology :**

Gulf Stream Coach while reviewing new tire supplier options discovered the overstated GVWR for the running gear on the 14RBC Super-Lite trailer.

Federal Identification labels are initiated by utilizing a "configuration" number programmed for printing the Federal Identification Label (Tire Tag) at the time of manufacturing the trailer. Inadvertently the "Configuration" number "(112)" one hundred twelve, was originally assigned with a GVWR value based on the load capacity of the single axle application and not the combined load capacity of the two tires.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., Independent Dealers and Retail owner's of record will be provided with corrected Federal Placards to be installed on the trailer.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : All 14RBC trailer in control and custody of Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., were identified and replacement Federal Placards installed prior to shipping the trailers.

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Gulf Stream Coach, Inc., intends to begin preparing replacement labels and mailing same by April 30, 2017

Planned Dealer Notification Date : APR 17, 2017 - APR 17, 2017

Planned Owner Notification Date : APR 17, 2017 - APR 17, 2017

\* NR - Not Reported