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Coachmen Industries Inc.

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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 Industries, Inc. –  
Workhorse Custom Chassis Recall NHTSA # 09V110000

Dear Mr. Person;

Coachmen Industries Inc. (Coachmen) has received written notification from Workhorse Custom Chassis (Workhorse) regarding their recall campaign NHTSA number 09V110000, Workhorse assigned number 50901-C. Their notification stated that this recall relates to their motor home chassis built from July 24, 2000 through December 19, 2007 with Bosch brake calipers.

At this time, we estimate that Coachmen received approximately 2,555 chassis from Workhorse that are affected by this recall campaign. Coachmen used these chassis in the construction of the following Class A motorhomes:

- Georgie Boy Landau – Model Years 2000 through 2007
- Georgie Boy Pursuit – Model Years 2001 through 2005
- Georgie Boy Suite – Model Years 2001 & 2002
- Georgie Boy Cruise Master – Model Years 2002 through 2009
- Georgie Boy Cruise Air XL – Model Year 2005
- Coachmen Mirada – Model Year 2001
- Coachmen Pathfinder – Model Years 2001 & 2002
- Coachmen Aurora – Model Years 2002, 2003, 2006 through 2009
- Coachmen Santara – Model Years 2004 & 2005
- Coachmen Rendezvous – Model Years 2003 & 2004
- Coachmen Epic – Model Years 2006 & 2007

These motorhomes were built by Coachmen between August, 2000 and May, 2008.

**DESCRIPTION OF DEFECT**

The notification we received from Workhorse's states the following:  
"Certain RV applications equipped with axles that include Bosch ZOPS or Bosch ZOHT Pin Slide hydraulic disc brakes when combined with occasional or seasonal vehicle operation may experience calipers sticking in the applied position. This can result in

abnormal heat generation at the wheel end causing brake drag. Although the driver would normally have warning of the brake drag – if undetected by the driver, the temperature increase at the wheel end can eventually lead to soft pedal conditions due to brake fluid boil, and possible extended stopping distance.”

**DISCOVERY OF THE DEFECT**

Coachmen received written notification from Workhorse on May 18, 2009.

**PRECLUSION OF POTENTIAL DEFECT**

Workhorse has indicated that they are conducting the owners’ notification campaign and will be administering this recall campaign. We will provide them with the vehicle owner information that we have on record, 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 INDUSTRIES INC.

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