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## TIPS FOR DRIVING A MOTOR HOME RENTED FROM SAUNDERS RV RENTALS, INC.

The motor home you have rented is a wide body coach, longer and heavier than an automobile. These differences do call for SPECIAL DRIVING PROCEDURES. These procedures are easy to master and will make your motor home trip that much more enjoyable.

The driver sits higher in a motor home. This is a distinct advantage because you can see farther and react more quickly. It does take longer to accelerate and stop, therefore, do not follow too close in traffic.

The driver is farther to the left of the center of the vehicle. This causes most drivers to drive too close to the right side of the road. Be aware of this and make the necessary adjustments.

Minimum height clearance is 12 feet on a motor home. Be on the alert to avoid hitting overhanging tree branches, carport roofs, and low roofs over filling stations, motels, etc.

Due to the length of motor homes, it's turning radius is greater. Drive the coach further into the center of an intersection, before beginning a left or right turn, so that the part of the coach that trails behind will not be driven over a curb, or hit an object on or adjacent to the street

Due to the height of the vehicle, a slightly sloped road will cause the motor home roof to heighten slightly more than the lowest edge of the roof or the sight line.

The motor home is equipped with a powerful V10 engine which has the ability to accelerate quite quickly, Heavy acceleration, however, will affect fuel consumption severally. On the average the coach should yield 10 to 12 MPG when the generator is not in use.

The motor home is designed to be stable in the STRAIGHT AHEAD AND SLOW SPEED MAN-EUVERING. If the vehicle is sharply deviated at a speed not appropriate for driving conditions, a spinout, tipping of the vehicle, or loss of control MAY OCCUR. SLOWER SPEEDS will help to prevent the problems noted above from occurring.

When driving from a flat surface on to an incline (example: approach to a filling station) approach the incline at an angle, rather than straight on. This procedure is necessary to avoid the rear end of the coach from dragging on the street surface, possibly causing damage to the underside of the coach.

The coach you are driving is equipped with an ABS brake system. Proper braking techniques call for a steady even pressure applied to the brake pedal (when braking) allowing the computer to adjust the brake pressure on all wheels and on a straight path down the road until stopped. DO NOT PUMP THE BRAKE PEDAL WITH THIS OR ANY ABS BRAKING SYSTEM.

When BACKING UP the vehicle, HAVE SOMEONE be your **eyes behind the coach** by giving directions from outside the coach, while you view things through the side view mirrors.

**MOUNTAIN DRIVING** – Watch the engine temperature carefully. If the engine overheats, immediately pull off to the right side of the road and wait for the engine to cool. Check the engine for coolant. If you find that the **COOLANT LEVEL IS LOW**, arrange for coolant to be added using the Emergency Road Side Service provided by Ford Motor Company. **OVERDRIVE** is to be **OFF** in mountain terrain. Use **SECOND** gear on inclines where the transmission is repeatedly upshifting and downshifting. The proper way to descend is to put the engine in **SECOND** gear (overdrive **OFF**), thus avoiding the over use of the brakes. If at any time it appears that the brakes are fading, the coach should immediately be stopped and the brakes allowed to cool before proceeding.

**GRAVEL ROADS** – Driving on gravel roads is to be **AVOIDED AT ALL TIMES**. Gravel thrown up by oncoming traffic can produce dents in the coach body and/or windshield as well as damage to the underbody of the coach. If travel on a gravel cannot be avoided (in an emergency) **SLOWER SPEEDS WILL MINIMIZE DAMAGE**.

**SLIPPERY ROADS** – Motor homes are actually better at negotiating slippery road conditions than are automobiles. The fact that a higher percentage of the weight of the coach is on the rear wheels means that the traction will be good. **HOWEVER, SLOW DOWN**, give yourself a greater stopping distance, and exercise extra caution when you encounter slippery conditions. Traction may be better due to weight, but if you start to slide, the same extra weight will carry you further than in a car.

**BACK COUNTRY ROADS** – Motor homes are not suited for traveling on really rough roads. The motor-home you have rented from Saunders RV Rentals is a **WIDE BODY COACHES** (8' inside wall to wall measurements). Most likely your coach is **TOO WIDE TO SAFELY TRAVEL ON ONE OF THESE ROADS**. These roads frequently wind through woods which have not been cleared sufficiently to permit the huge bulk of motor home to pass. Also, due to the height of a motor home, any unevenness in the road, especially side to side unevenness, may result in a constant throwing about of items stored in the upper part of the coach as well as damage to the undercarriage of the coach.

**HIGHWAY DRIVING** – Frequently, long lines of cars collect behind a motor home. When this happens, the driver should pull off the road to let the cars go by. If you do not do this, particularly daring drivers will take a dangerous risk to get by and the motor home will be the focal point of a potential accident.

I have read the above information and have been instructed in motor home driving techniques as detailed above, and understand the proper and safe methods used to drive the motor home rented from Saunders RV Rentals, Inc.. I have been given a copy of these signed procedures for reference during my upcoming trip.

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