

I wanted to mention an incident that occurred to, my wife Alice and I. We have a 2000 36T Discovery. After the DOAI National Rally in Indiana, Alice and I went to Niagara Falls, NY and then to New Bedford, MA. During our trip, we experienced some severe road construction and poorly maintained roads on I 90 in particular.

It is believed that the conditions caused serious damage to our coach. The brackets that hold the coach to the chassis broke. This caused the coach to just rest on the chassis, and not be secure. The brackets that broke are located just forward and rear of the rear axle. We knew we had a problem of some sort when our 'Low Air' alarm sounded and we were not losing air. We contacted Freightliner about the alarm and we were advised it would be OK to drive the coach to a repair facility in East Providence, RI. It was the mechanics at Altrui Brothers Freightliner that located this damage. We were told that this damage is rare, but it does occur. We were also told that this could have resulted in serious damage if it had not been found and repaired. There is no preventive maintenance for this, only visual inspections that can be done when checking your tire pressure. I have included a couple of photos of the damaged brackets to show what they look like.

1. Driver Side rear wheel well, the "L" Bracket forward of the axle is bent over and there are no bolts



2. Driver Side rear wheel well the bracket aft of the axle is broken



3. Passenger Side rear wheel well bracket aft of the axle is broken



4. Passenger side bracket forward of the axle is cracked (the bright colored spot) and the bolt is bent



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JOB#01 09 200 00 BODY REPAIRS

BRACKETS HOLDING HOUSE BROKE, HOUSE SITTING ON WHEELS

ELEVATE TRUCK AND REMOVED WHEELS AND WHEEL WELLS.

CUT, WELD AND REMOVED BROKEN CAB MOUNTS WITH

AN AIR HAMMER. GRIND FRAME RAILS CLEAN.

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NEW BODY MOUNTS INTO PLACE. PAINTED ALL BARE

METAL. REINSTALL WHEEL WELLS AND WHEELS.







