

Safety

In Case of a TIRE BLOW OUT....

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Safety Issue -Tires: We encountered a frightening and potentially catastrophic situation while at the Freightliner factory. The stylish, chrome extensions on the inside duals were 'chaffing' against the access hole in the wheel covers. The freightliner technician brought it to our attention averting a certain loss of air pressure the results I shudder to imagine. There was another Alfa in the shop, but it had braided extensions, so I don't know if mine were from the factory or from the dealer. Additionally, there was a plastic guard on one side that apparently was to prevent this condition, however it was not fastened securely. The other side had no such guard. Please be aware of this situation. (Doug & Mary Perkinson) (#6, 09/04)

Know your coach height. There has been a lot of talk on the Yahoo Alfa web site about coach height. Make sure you know the height of your coach. Tire pressure, roof vent or ride height may make a difference between making it thru that LOW overpass or bridge. Measure your coach and keep that measurement handy as it may save your dome, roof vents or even your roof. See Ya 1373 (Larry and Lorna Emmons) (#7, 12/04)

Moving with the jacks down! From an AlfaSeeYa owner....“twice now I have moved the coach - no more than a foot or so - with the feet down. The little red light and beeper don't work unless the control panel is on!” Joe Demarte, one of our chapter members had this suggestion.... “ One thing I do as a precaution is that I created a card, that I laminated, that says in big letters “Jacks are down!!!” It is the size of the transmission shift pad and when I put the jacks down I lay this on the shift pad. That way I will never forget to put up the jacks before I move the coach, because I cannot shift without moving the card. When I am driving I just lay the card next to the dash on the left side. (#3, 12/03)

Leveling Jacks: During the Alfa Rally at Mt. Hood RV Resort, a crew from the Kwikiee Co. visited those of us with SeeYa motor homes. There have been reports of footpads on the bottom of the jacks coming loose and, in a few cases, actually falling off while traveling down the highway. Kwikiee says the single bolt holding each of the four footpads may back off from initial torque settings of 250 ft./lb. The bolts were replaced by using a “nyloc” bolt, which helps to prevent the bolt from loosening. If you were not at the rally, you should check to see if any of your footpads are loose. Here is how --- while the jacks are in the up position and your air bags are inflated, crawl under the motor home and try to turn the footpad back and forth. If it turns without the cylinder rod also turning, then the bolt is loose and should be replaced. If checking the footpad bolts is difficult for you and also because of the special tools needed to change the bolts, it is best to have an authorized service center do it. Contact Kwikiee at 1-800-736-9961 for an authorized service center. The Kwikiee crew will also be at the Pre-FMCA Rally and the FMCA 72nd International Convention in Redmond, OR August 13-16 2004 to inspect and, if needed, repair the jack footpads for you. There is no charge for this service. (Tony Monson) (#5, 06/04)

Fire Extinguishers - When have you last checked your fire extinguisher? Do you have more than one in your coach? Have you and your partner talked about emergency exit procedures? Many of the

SeeYa owners we've talked to recently have added one or more fire extinguishers making sure one of them is in the rear of the coach and one near the front entrance. (#11, 12/05)