



2010 43QGP Allegro Bus

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46 - FYI – DRIVER SIDE SLIDE FLOOR DELAMINATION. To say at this point in time my emotions are at low ebb would be an understatement. When we purchased our 2010 Allegro Bus fourteen months ago we believed we had a NEW COACH, a coach that should be free of big issues, but alas that is not what we have.

Don't get me wrong this is our dream coach warts and all. When we purchased this PROTOTYPE Bob Tiffin told us he would make any problems right, up to this point he has kept his word. As we spend the night in the Russellville Best Western on Bob's nickel while our coach slide floor is being replaced. I should be grateful this repair is not on my nickel and in the long run I am glad we purchased our last two coaches from Tiffin Motorhomes as already stated, warts and all.

Of what I term the FIVE MAJOR TIFFIN problems, our coach to date has experienced FOUR of the FIVE. The five problems are:

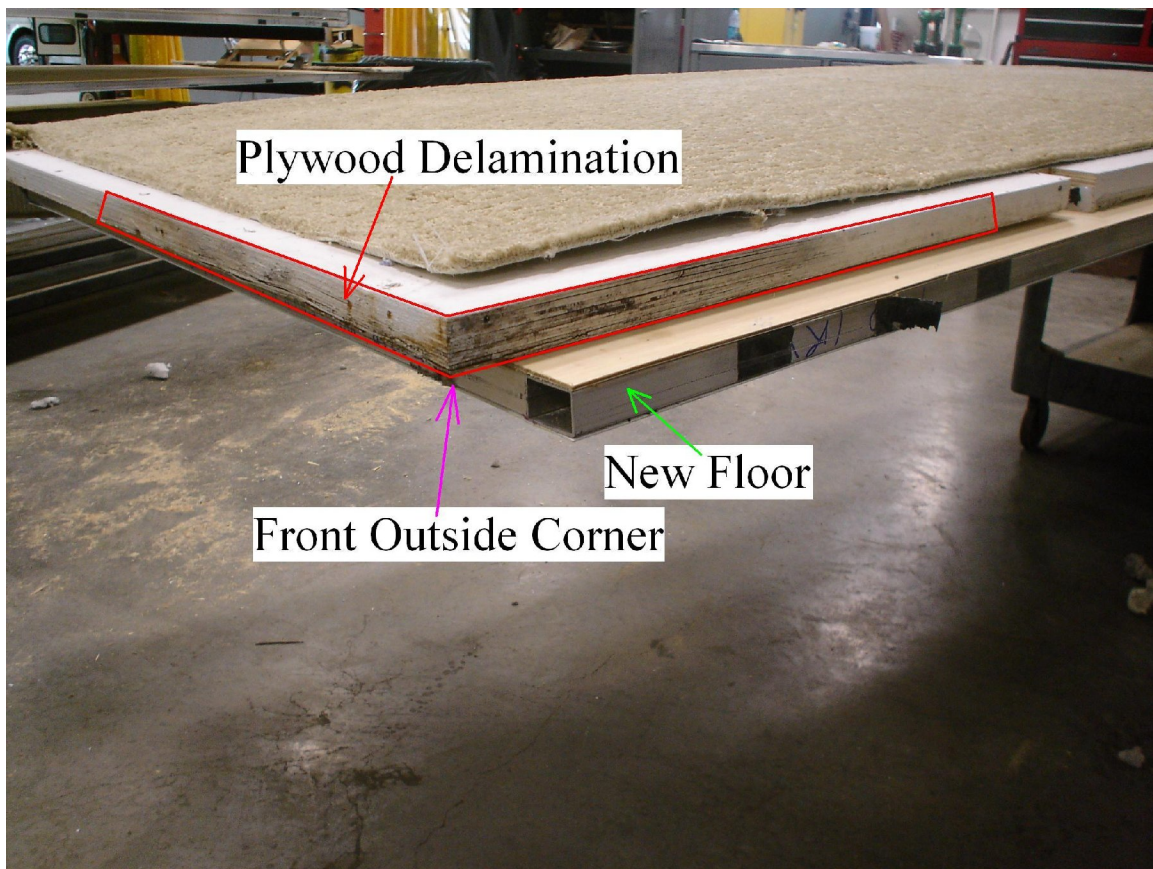
1. Coach Side Wall Checking or Staring
2. Coach Side Wall Cracking at the B/R Slide Opening
3. Wet Bay Floor Rot
4. Coach Roof Rail Cracks
5. Coach D/S Slide Floor Delamination

Of these problems our coach has yet to experience problem # 1, the Side Wall Checking or Staring, however our coach has experienced problems numbered 2 through 5.

Two days ago work on our front slide rollers was stopped after we found the slide had begun to delaminate prior to Tiffin installing the plastic coating under the front edge of the slide. The slide plywood at that time was dry and well sealed with the white plastic coating Tiffin began installing after the slide floor delamination problems were first noted. The front metal angle which covers the bottom of the slide's front wall when it was re-installed two days ago was not resealed. Last night and today before the coach was moved into a service bay our coach was subjected to heavy rain. Today when the slide floor was removed it was obvious the plywood in the floor

was rain soaked, swollen and delaminated for at least one foot in both directions from the front outside corner.

IMO, the ONLY way to check the plywood in the slide floor will be to remove the metal angle trim on the front edge and under the slide. The one drawback to doing this is the plastic seal over the bottom edge of the metal trim and the slide plywood may become broken. If your slide does not have a delamination problem how do you get the plastic seal recoated if it becomes broken? However if the plywood is delaminated then you will need to have the slide replaced. What do you do? We opted to know the extent of damage and have it repaired.



In the photo above the old delaminated floor is sitting on top of the new aluminum framed slide floor. The new floor weighs about one half the weight of the solid plywood floor it replaces.

As I sit here in Russellville it has been a long two weeks to reach the point we are at. Our coach has a couple of more issues (air suspension) then we get into the paint queue for the Cap Rails plus some painting to match paint lines on the slides with paint lines on the coach walls. Maybe we will get home before the next TRVN Rally in Brunswick, GA?