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**CJTravler wrote:**

If someone hits the gas instead of the brakes and doesn't realize it right away they should NOT be driving.

This happens way to often .

Bill and Patti  
 Gizmo a Black face Tri-color Pembroke Welsh Corgi  
 Laci a Red and White PWC  
 06 Fleetwood Revolution LE 40E  
 05 Hyundai Elantra Toad  
 Member, Revolution Owners Group, FMCA, CAT RV Engine Owners Club  
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**tderonne**

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"accelerator instead of the break"

"break"?

Spellcheck strikes again....

\* This post was edited 11/09/09 08:06pm by tderonne \*

Tim

2004 Winnebago Adventurer 31Y  
 Ford chassis

**wny\_pat**

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**BarbaraOK wrote:**

**moparmaga2 wrote:**

The reason that 99% of people are against this is that it would just end up being a money grab by the states, just like anything else in the history of government.

They would probably charge 500 bucks to see if you can put it in gear.

It was \$10 for each of us to upgrade to a Texas Class B.

**Quote:**

Just like the dumb state inspections that we do in Texas. Basically it amounts to putting a sticker

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\$15.00 x 20 million = \$300000000. All a cash grab

If you can't afford the safety inspection to make sure that your brakes work, how are you going to afford to fix those brakes. I'm sorry, but I really think all states need to have an inspection to make sure lights, brakes, horns, etc. work, and for areas that need emission control, then those old smokers need to be inspected and taken off of the road if they can't pass. Not everyone is as conscientious and safety minded as you are.

Barb

The safety inspection takes a lot of junk vehicles off the highways here in NYS. Junk vehicles cause accidents. My brakes on all three vehicles all get checked at least once a year, even pull a wheel to do it. When was the last time yours got checked?

And saying "I hit the gas instead of the brake" is nothing but a excuse. Sort of like saying "I only had a couple"! A excuse is not a reason for doing it.

I do not think 72 is a magic age limit for anything. I've seen people much younger do similiar things. But I hope when I get to that magic age what ever it is, I know enough to give it up.

**stevelv**

Living on the island  
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I've always been amazed by the number of states that have no vehicle inspections or just a smog test.

Back in the UK we had our annual MOT test - nowadays it costs the equivalent of about \$80 and it's required every year.

They test lights, horn, wipers and washers, glass, bodywork and check for chassis rusting and corroded brake pipes, perished rubbers, serious engine and transmission leaks, state of exhaust and muffler (no leaks), shock absorbers, and then they run it up on a brake tester and check brake efficiency including the emergency brake.

It keeps a lot of dangerous vehicles off the road and at a guess, probably half the 10 year old or older vehicles on our US roads would never pass.

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DH,DW,Jake and Indie

**BASSMAN50**

INDIANA  
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Hello everyone,  
I have noticed a lot of denial in this thread. The bottom line is, as we get older our cognitive and mechanical abilities deteriorate. Age was a factor in this accident! I am 56 and notice driving mistakes I make that I did not make 10 years ago. Should testing for RV drivers be mandatory? Yes! Should we be required to have physicals? Yes! Unfortunately we are all to me, me, me oriented to admit to our limitations.

I have a conversation with my mother about her giving up her drivers license on a regular basis. My argument is always that it is not a matter of if but a matter of when the accident occurs and that I hope she does not seriously injure or kill someone else. As others have said, I hope I have the mental faculties to realize when my driving skills have deteriorated to the point of being dangerous and the ability to listen to others when they tell me to hang up the keys.

Randy

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My biggest fear when driving my rig is not the older drivers; but the drunks and druggies comming toward me; you just never know.

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I am 73 and still drive the MH regularly. I know that my reflexes are not what they were at 20 but I believe they are still adequate for driving the MH. I would not object to a drivers test at some interval as well as an eye examination if it would improve safety on the highways.

I do not know of an Allegro that has a hitch assembly rated at more than 10,000 lbs and I believe a trailer and 3 horses will probably go more than that or very close to it. If he was over length the trailer was over 25 ft in length as the length restrictions are 65'and I believe his MH is 40'. In any case, the three violations that he was cited for were enough to say that he was not paying attention to what he was doing. Regardless of age, he had made three bad mistakes driving a type of vehicle combination that does not allow many mistakes.

Badeye

"No one can guarantee success, only effort."

Bob & Fran  
2005 Coachmen Sportscoach Elite 40 ft DP  
2002 Dodge Durango  
Ready Brute Tow Bar  
Ready Brake Tow Brake  
FMCA F324606

**ShapeShifter**

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[THIS SUMMARY](#) says 60 feet for Indiana.

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