



Service Bulletin

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Hydraulic Hoses used with leveling systems

A number of RV owners have expressed concerns about bubbles appearing on the outer surfaces of hydraulic hoses that operate their leveling jacks. This bulletin has been issued to confirm that such bubbles on the hoses are purely cosmetic, and merely result from occasional accumulations of vapor released by the hydraulic fluid, which are able to pass through the hose's body, and are then confined by the outer surface. The hydraulic fluid itself is not passing through the hose body, and is not leaking. Accordingly, the bubbling is not a safety issue, and will not affect the operation of the leveling system. The hoses used with the leveling systems are fully tested, and meet or exceed the SAE J343 and SAE J517 standards for 100R7 type hydraulic hose. Power Gear along with its hose supplier has tested hoses containing bubbles. Independent test results have confirmed the bubbled hoses continue to meet our leveling system requirements, and pose no safety or performance concerns. The bubbling of these hoses is therefore not a failure. As a matter of good will, Power Gear has honored requests for the replacement of bubbled hoses within the warranty terms, we cannot participate in any post-warranty claims in regards to this cosmetic issue.

