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The U.S. Department of Transportation Broadcast News Service for Friday, July 13 has an actuality concerning recreational vehicles.

The U.S. Department of Transportation has found that many recreational vehicles are being operated with excessive loads for their suspension systems. The Director of the Office of Consumer Affairs, Ann Uccello, discussed some of the precautions that should be taken by the owners of these vehicles:

"Loaded recreational vehicles -- motor homes or pick-up truck/camper combinations -- should be weighed on vehicle scales periodically. This is to be sure that the empty weight, plus the weight of cargo and occupants, is at all times less than the recommended gross vehicle weight. Tire pressure should only be adjusted when the tires are cold. And, an owner should not bleed air from the tires when pressure rises after use on the highway."

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