

BEYOND THE CHECKERED FLAG: Champion Jeff Gordon



LCD. Jeff and his guests can also monitor his laps at the track with a roof-mounted telemetry antenna and the three camera system incorporated in the office of his matching tow trailer.

When it's time to relax, the master suite comes equipped with a king-size bed, and a VI-SPRING handmade mattress, made of loose, long-stranded horsehair and lambswool topped with cotton. Jeff added a 42" plasma with surround sound in the bedroom and a private bath. The coach is appointed with corrugated marble throughout, top-of-the-line fixtures, and a subtle decor that shouts elegance, luxury, and the good life.

Marathon extends sincere gratitude to Jeff and wishes him the best of luck in the 2005 racing season. To keep in touch with Jeff's activities, visit his Internet website at www.jeffgordon.com. •

by Mary Barton

Life at the racetrack can be grueling. When he's not on the track, four-time NASCAR® Cup Series champion Jeff Gordon will be relaxing in his 2005 Marathon H3-45—in the style to which he has become accustomed.

Gordon's fourth custom designed Marathon coach is skillfully equipped to handle the unique business and personal needs of a demanding lifestyle. Two custom sofas with reclining end pieces will gather Jeff's guests comfortably around the 50" plasma in the salon. A spacious stainless steel galley with a Gaggenau® cooktop and GE Advantium® convection/microwave oven have been installed to quickly and easily prepare meals for 1 or for 20. A full-size refrigerator/freezer and several pantries provide ample storage space.

"It was a pleasure to once again work with Marathon to design the coach I need to function

well on the road," Jeff said. "The work is first-class. It is my home-away-from-home. I couldn't ask for anything more."

The coach is designed to entertain on a grand scale when necessary. The underbelly features three Norcold freezers on a cargo roll-out, another microwave with storage cabinets, and a complete audio/visual system with a 30"

