

NASCAR Star Kyle Busch Takes Delivery of New Marathon



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Congratulations to Kyle Busch for taking delivery of a custom-designed triple-slide Marathon H3-45. Twenty-one-year-old Kyle is a top-10 driver on the NASCAR Nextel Cup series and drives the #5 Kellogg's Hendrick Motorsports Chevrolet. In 2005 he became the youngest race winner in series history at Fontana, and in 2006 he qualified for NASCAR's 10 driver "Chase" for the Nextel Championship. Kyle's older brother, 2004 Nextel Cup Champion Kurt Busch, is an encore owner of two Marathon coaches.





Kyle and his girlfriend, Erica Dewey, visited Marathon's Oregon facility last June to design his coach. Kyle chose a spacious custom floor-plan with slide-outs in the master bedroom and salon. The curbside bedroom slide-out features an exquisite cabinet ensemble with beautifully upholstered bench seating and rollout shelf storage. The cabinet ensemble also hides a 37" LCD television, which operates on a motorized lift. The second bedroom slide-out opens additional living space and cabinetry, and holds a Jr. King bed and a rear walk-in wardrobe. The coach also has two luxurious upholstered dog

beds for his West Highland Terriers, Kelly and Suzie.

A particularly striking feature of the coach is a spacious forward bathroom with elevated dual glass sinks in the vanity cabinet. The stylish design coordinates with four-color LED lighting from beneath, and oyster Corian countertops to create function with a rich sense of beauty and luxury.

The coach is modeled around Kyle's conception of space and relaxation. The co-pilot seat at the entrance was removed to increase the size of the entry steps, and the recliner occasional



table was enlarged to create a storage area for Kyle's X-Box system. The Marathon team also installed game connections and a MotoSat data port to accommodate different game consoles. Kyle can relax on a 78" wavy-front sleeper sofa with two recliners and play his X-Box either on a 42" ceiling drop-down TV or a 20" LCD television in the forward end of the salon.

The galley features a four-element cooktop, granite flooring, and a Jenn-Air side-by-side refrigerator/freezer with ice and water dispensers in the door. Kyle chose to coordinate the galley's appearance with a brushed stainless

steel finish for the microwave and refrigerator.

Because Kyle frequently entertains guests, his coach is equipped with full-length Girard automatic awnings on each side, and an easy-access rollout Norcold Freezer for extra storage. Marathon installed a 32" flat screen TV on a swivel in the underbelly, and a Crestron remote-controlled AM/FM/CD player with separate speakers.

We welcome Kyle and Erica to the Marathon family and wish Kyle good luck in the 2007 NASCAR season. •