

#1128: A Home for the Harvicks



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Custom built for Kevin Harvick, 2007 Daytona 500 champion, and his wife DeLana, coach #1128 is a spacious Prevost H3-45 quad slide with two slides in the salon and two in the bedroom. From the furniture to the faucets, the interior reflects a clean and simplistic elegance that defines warmth and comfort. DeLana worked closely with Marathon Interior Designer Jennifer Clausen to achieve the look and feel of a home away from home. "I had a definite idea of what I wanted the coach to feel like because we had just moved into our new house, so there were a lot of ideas still fresh in my mind," DeLana said. "Jennifer was great to work with throughout the entire process. She listened to all of our ideas and I believe we came up with the exact feel Kevin and I were looking for in our new bus."

The coach interior features rich and vibrant chocolate-colored cabinetry offset by soft cream-colored upholstery in the overstuffed recliner chair and sofa. Crown molding valances with soft indirect lighting illuminate the ceiling to create a feeling of spaciousness. In the bedroom suite, a king-size bed with a beautiful cream-colored, tufted velvet head-







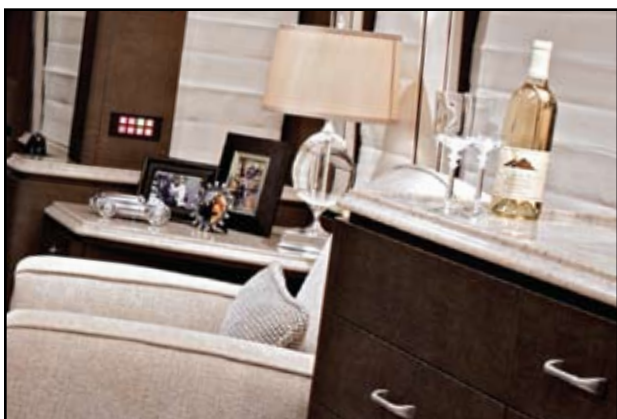
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board and ceiling fan are the focal points. "It is so cozy and homey," said DeLana. "I truly feel like we are in our house. We spend so much time away from home, it was *extremely* important that the bus was comfortable, yet elegant."

DeLana also expressed that working with Marathon was a delightful experience. "We felt each department really took the time to listen to what was important to Kevin and me, and we were able to implement that into the bus."

Additional accents and amenities that make coach #1128 feel like a home include: travertine floors in the entry, salon, galley, and rear bath; Harlequin-designed tiled backsplashes and intricate designed shower walls; framed medicine cabinet doors designed with sconce lighting in the bath and water closet; and an under-the-floor heating system.



Kevin drives the #29 Shell/Pennzoil Chevrolet owned by Richard Childress Racing. He was a 2001 and 2006 Busch Series champion, 2002 IROC champion, and he won the Brickyard 400 in 2003. Marathon wishes the Harvicks all the best in their new coach, and good luck to Kevin in the rest of the 2008 NASCAR season. •