

# **GMC Motor Home “WORKPRINT”**

**11-70 to 3-71**

**This film is a rare look at the very beginning of development for the GMC Motor Home. The original purpose of this film was to document the development and progress for various areas of the motorhomes design. This film provides an insight to those areas known to few except for those involved in the actual effort.**

**The time period covered by this film is from 11-11-70 to about 3-15-71. I wanted to keep the film intact as originally shot with only minor edits shortening some scenes. It becomes obvious that this film was intended for limited use. Examples, hand lettered signs and the changing of scenes with a hand over the camera lens fading from one scene to the next. There is no audio.**

**The film begins at the GM Proving Grounds with an evaluation ride in the (motor home) pie wagon and comparison rides in various other vehicles. The purpose of the wheel/fender skirts on the pie wagon was to hide its unique suspension from photographers which frequently took unauthorized photos of vehicles being tested at the Proving Grounds.**

**It should be noted that that the initial designs were based on motor home lengths of 21' and 24'. The full scale clay buck RV-26 is the first time you will see the 26' design length implemented.**

**Most of this film was taken at the General Motors Tech. Center. The film ends with the completed full scale RV- 26 clay buck.**

**I hope you enjoy this unique look at some little known details in the development of the GMC Motorhome.**

*Bill Bryart*

**Listing of scenes by date and title:**

12-04-70	Proving Grounds	Motor Home Evaluation	
11-12-70	GM Tech Center	Scale Model	1-2
"	"	"	2-1
"	"	Floor Plan Concepts	3-2, 8-1
"	"	Cross Sections	9-1, 10-1
"	"	Artwork	11-1
11-11-70	"	Mock-up 1-24A	1-3 , 2-3
"	"	" Rear wheels	3-3
"	"	" Bed area	4-1, 4A-1
"	"	" Side wall	5-1
"	"	" Dinette	6-2
"	"	" Kitchen	7-2, 7C-2
"	"	" Bath	8-2
"	"	" Drivers comp.	9-2
"	"	" 3-24A R side	1-1
11-11-70	GM Tech Center	Mock-up	3-24A Interior 2-1
"	"	"	Driver 5-1
"	"	"	R side 6-1
"	"	"	Dinette 7-1
12-22-70	"	"	Driver 8, 8-B
01-11-71	"	"	Revised, K & B 12, 13
12-22-70	"	Exterior Design clay buck	12,12D
01-11-71	"	Full scale	Revised front

12-22-70	GM Tech Center	Exterior Design	sketches	14
"	"	1/5 Clay		13, 13C
01-11-71	"	Mock-up 1-21A	Inst. panel	1,1A
"	"	"	Dining area	2
"	"	"	Kitchen, Bedroom	3, 4
01-20-71	"	1/5 scale, long version		
"	"	Sketches		15
01-27-71	"	Mock-up 3-24A	redesign	14
"	"	" 1-21A	Inst. Panel	5
"	"	Clay Buck		12A
3-15-71	"	Full Scale,	RV-26	16

**Note: This DVD is from a 16mm film I located in 1996. I was seriously trying to locate every person and every piece of information that had a connection with the development of the GMC Motorhome. The film was found on a shelf of the bedroom closet of a GM engineer who only knew that it had a title of "workprint". He was not sure what it was until I had it converted to a VHS tape and sent him a copy.**

**I believe we are extremely fortunate that it survived and provides another piece to the puzzle of how the GMC Motorhome came to be.**

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