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Mr. Donald D. Bartz
Products Safety Manager
Winnebago Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 152
Forest City, IA 50436

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93V-220

Dear Mr. Bartz:

This acknowledges receipt of your Defect Information Report involving fuel tanks on certain Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) motorhomes submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

A review of Winnebago's Defect Information Report revealed that it does not comply with all requirements of 49 CFR Part 573, and does not provide certain information which we believe is required to clarify the recall program. The missing information is described below under "Additional Information Required." To facilitate reporting of the necessary information, the Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has developed a Defect/Noncompliance Reporting Guide (copy enclosed) which may be used to provide the information as prescribed in Part 573 or otherwise required by ODI. Using our guide will minimize the need for requesting additional information and will assure your compliance with the applicable regulations. Please fill in the enclosed guide and return it to this office.

RECALL CAMPAIGN INFORMATION

NHTSA Recall Campaign ID Number: 93V-220

(Please refer to this number in all future correspondence.)

NHTSA Contact: Jonathan D. White, Chief
Technical Analysis Branch

Telephone: (202) 366-5227
Fax: (202) 366-7882

Date of Letter: December 22, 1993

Number of Vehicles Recalled: 11,353 Winnebago 1988 through 1989 Itasca model Suncruiser, Sun Flyer, and Windcruiser and the Winnebago model Super Chief, Chieftain, and Elandan manufactured from June 1987 through August 1989.

Defect: Fuel tank leaks at the seams and/or baffle connections.

This recall campaign was the subject of an Engineering Analysis, EA93-013, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

Winnebago is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership. You should know that the agency provides a listing of safety recalls to the media at the end of each month. This recall will be a part of that listing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

In order for us to complete our file on this matter, please provide the following additional information:

1. **Under Part 573.5(c)(8), we request that Winnebago identify and describe how the remedial program will be conducted. It is otherwise assumed that this recall shall begin nationally, and uniformly, within 30 calendar days. We request that Winnebago provide a proposed schedule for the implementation of this recall. The schedule should include, but not be limited to, the date the manufacturer's news release to the media will be published, the date(s) of notification to distributors and dealers/retailers, and the date(s) of notification to purchasers. Identify the date on which parts necessary for remedy of this recall will be available. The schedule must also include an explanation for any delay in the implementation of this recall. Provide a copy/transcript of any news release issued on this recall and the date the news release was provided to the media.**
2. Identify and describe how the recalled vehicle population was determined, including but not limited to, how the inclusive dates of manufacture were established.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes on page 1 of this letter, to this office **by March 31, 1994.**

NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS

Notification to purchasers should begin as soon as possible. A draft copy of the notification documents should be submitted to this office by facsimile (fax: 202-366-7882) for review prior to mailing. A final copy of all the notification documents must be submitted to this office within 5 working days after the documents are first sent to purchasers and dealers as required in Part 573.5(c)(9).

QUARTERLY STATUS REPORTS

Quarterly reports are due for the first 6 consecutive quarters once owner notification has begun. In the case where the recall appears to be completed, quarterly reporting is required until your company is notified otherwise by this office. The first quarterly status report for this campaign, as required in Part 573.6, is required to be submitted within 25 working days after the close of the calendar quarter **in which notification to purchasers begins**. For instance, the current calendar quarter ends on March 31, 1994, and the first quarterly report for recalls where owner notification begins in this quarter is due by May 5, 1994.

For the first quarterly report, we request that Winnebago identify, separately, the number of vehicles which were returned or otherwise remedied prior to sale to owners.

Sincerely,



James P. Talentino, Chief
Recall Analysis and Information Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement

Enclosure:
Defect/Noncompliance Information Reporting Guide