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of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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1200 New Jersey Avenue SE.  
Washington, DC 20590

**Via Certified Mail**

Mr. Ronald Post  
Product Compliance Manager  
Winnebago Industries, Inc.  
605 W. Crystal Lake Road  
Forest City, IA 50436

NVS-215/jtt  
09V-113

**Re: Additional Information Required on Safety Recall 09V-113**

Dear Mr. Post:

This serves as a request for further information concerning safety recall 09V-113. The recall concerns certain 2002, 2003, and 2004 model year Winnebago Brave and Itasca Sunrise motorhomes, 2005 and 2006 model year Winnebago Voyage and Adventurer motorhomes, and 2005 and 2006 model year Itasca Sunrise and Suncruiser motorhomes.

In its defect information report, Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) explained that the propane tank mounting bracket on these vehicles may have an incomplete or improper weld, and that should that weld fail, the propane tank can tip or fall, possibly releasing propane which presents a fire risk.

Winnebago did not provide information into how or when it discovered this defect, other than to say that its defect determination was the result of its monitoring of field support data. It did not describe any of that data or share when it was received. Therefore, and pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(d)(6), please provide a chronology of all principle events that were the basis for the defect determination. Please include in your chronology a summary and provide dates of receipt, of all warranty claims, field or service reports, complaints, and any other information, that were reviewed or considered in coming to its determination.

Please provide the requested information **within 2 weeks** of your receipt of this letter. Please also update and amend the company's defect information report such that it reflects the chronology of events leading up to the defect determination, and includes any information required to be provided under 49 CFR 573.6, that was not reported in the original defect report.



This letter is issued pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30166 which authorizes the NHTSA to request any information that it deems necessary in administering and enforcing the Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1969, as amended, 49 U.S.C. 30101, et seq. Failure to respond promptly, truthfully, and completely to this letter and the inquiries made herein could subject Winnebago to significant civil penalties and/or a claim for injunctive relief.

If Winnebago claims that any of the information or documents provided in response to this information request constitute confidential commercial material within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4), or are protected from disclosure pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1905, the company must submit supporting information together with the materials that are the subject of the confidentiality request, to the Office of Chief Counsel, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., SE, Washington, D.C. 20590. Please see 49 CFR Part 512 for further instructions as to what is required to properly file a request for confidential treatment.

Please direct your response to Jennifer Timian of my staff, and note conspicuously on your response the safety recall number assigned to this matter (e.g., 09V-097). Should you have any questions or concerns, please contact Ms. Timian on (202) 366-0209 or by email at [jennifer.timian@dot.gov](mailto:jennifer.timian@dot.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", with a stylized flourish at the end.

George Person, Chief  
Recall Management Division