



April 30, 2009

Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director  
Office of Defects  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.  
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Winnebago Industries, Inc. submits the following report pursuant to Part 573 of the NHTSA regulations. This report supplements my report dated April 6, 2009. The numbered paragraphs below correspond to those found at Part 573.6(c).

1. Winnebago Industries, Inc.  
605 W. Crystal Lake Road  
Forest City, IA 50436
2. The motor vehicles potentially containing the defect are on certain 2002, 2003, and 2004 model years Winnebago Brave<sup>®</sup> and Itasca Sunrise<sup>®</sup>; 2005 and 2006 model years Winnebago Voyage<sup>®</sup> and Adventurer<sup>®</sup> and Itasca Sunrise<sup>®</sup> and Suncruiser<sup>®</sup>. These motor homes were manufactured November 5, 2001 through April 27, 2006. The vehicles were identified using production records showing models and VINs.
3. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 2,331.
4. It is estimated that less than 2 percent of the vehicles contain the defect.
5. Winnebago Industries, Inc. has decided a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists where the propane tank mounting bracket may have an incomplete or improper weld. Should the weld fail, the propane tank can tip or fall, possibly releasing propane which has the potential to ignite, resulting in personal injury and/or vehicle and property damage.
6. In March 2006, a Winnebago Industries<sup>®</sup> employee, at a motor home rally, inspected two vehicles and reported that one unit had a propane tank mounting bracket with a weld needing repair and the other unit had a mounting bracket previously repaired for a broken weld. A design review of the propane tank mounting bracket was initiated and the design was modified in April 2006.

On February 1, 2007, December 12, 2008, and December 22, 2008, Winnebago Industries received information and pictures of three similar failures on units built prior to April 2006. In January 2009, an investigation of the process and history of the part ensued. Evaluation of the fixture and robotic weld program did not reveal any reason for incomplete or improper welds.

In February and March of 2009, Winnebago Industries analyzed its warranty data and owner reports. Results revealed a population of 35 units that had a confirmed weld failure, a suspected weld failure, or a complaint that could be considered a suspected weld failure. These 35 units were within a population of 2,400 units produced prior to May 1, 2006. There were no reports of vehicle damage or injury.

Based upon the known and confirmed failures and the suspected failures, the decision was made on March 31, 2009 to conduct a recall.

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7. N/A.
8. Winnebago Industries, Inc. will remedy this defective situation by inspecting all vehicles and properly welding the bracket if required. Winnebago Industries® estimates the dealer letter will be mailed on or about April 24, 2009. The owner letter will be mailed two weeks later.
9. Enclosed is a copy of the dealer letter in draft form.
10. Enclosed is a copy of the owner letter in draft form.
11. The recall documents will carry the Winnebago Industries, Inc. Number 112.

Should you have questions regarding this information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,



Ronald W. Post  
Product Compliance Manager

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Enclosure