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June 23, 2009

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Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

On June 16, 2009, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. decided that a safety defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain motor homes as listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Non-compliance reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on June 22, 2009.
- Fleetwood has assigned 90616 as an identification code to this recall.

(1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

Fleetwood Motor Homes of California, Inc. #47
5300 Via Ricardo, P.O. Box 5726
Riverside, California 92517

Fleetwood Motor Homes of Pennsylvania, Inc. #71
Route 487
Paxinos, Pennsylvania 17860

The agency should contact the following individual with respect to this recall:

Chuck James
Director – Parts & Service
Motor Home Division
1010 Commerce Dr., P.O. Box 1007
Decatur, Indiana 46733
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(2) The vehicles involved in the recall are certain 2005 and 2006 model year Bounder 35E Class A motor homes manufactured from: May 14, 2004 to March 27, 2006.

The March 27, 2006 date coincides with a revised procedure implemented during production to add a baffle to direct the refrigerator exhaust to exit the side vent installed in the motor home.

These motor homes were built with a Fleetwood identification number range of:

739E54785695 through 739E64795267
739E71565605 through 739E67169700

- (3) Fleetwood reports approximately 683 as the number of Bounder 35E Class A model motor homes that contain the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 100% of the affected Bounder 35E Class A model motor homes contain the safety defect.
- (5) On certain 2005 and 2006 model year Bounder 35E model motor homes that have the refrigerator installed in the slide room, when the refrigerator is operated in the LPG mode, the refrigerator exhaust may vent into the interior of the refrigerator cabinet rather than exhaust to the exterior through a vent for that purpose.

The hot exhaust may result in heat damage to the interior of the refrigerator cabinet and could result in a fire.

- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood began an investigation in May, 2009 after a Fleetwood customer reported an odor coming from the refrigerator area while driving. The customer reported seeing smoke coming out of the refrigerator vent.

Fleetwood is not aware of any accidents or injuries that have resulted from this safety defect.

- (8) Fleetwood dealers will inspect the refrigerator cabinet and install a baffle in the rear of the refrigerator cabinet to divert the hot exhaust to the exterior vent for that purpose.
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification by e-mail on TBD 2009.

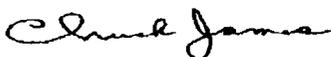
Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification on TBD 2009.

Fleetwood does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.

- (10) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to the NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:
 - I) Letter of dealer notification
 - II) Letter of customer notification
 - III) Service Bulletin

Dealer and customer letters are enclosed. Draft of service bulletin will be provided for your review when completed. If additional information is required, please contact Dave Fortney who can be reached by phone at (260) 724-5957 or by e-mail at dave.fortney@fleetwood.com.

Sincerely,



Chuck James
Director of Parts & Service
Motor Home Division