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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. 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 defective component are certain:
 - ▶ 2001 model year Winnebago® motor homes (Models: Chieftain®, Adventurer®, Journey®) and Itasca® motor homes (Models: Sunflyer®, Horizon®).
 - ▶ 2002 model year Winnebago motor homes (Models: Brave®, Chieftain, Journey, Journey® DL, Ultimate Advantage®, Ultimate Freedom®) and Itasca motor homes (Models: Sunrise®, Sunflyer, Horizon).
 - ▶ 2003 model year Winnebago motor homes (Models: Brave, Adventurer, Chieftain, Journey, Journey DL, Ultimate Advantage, Ultimate Freedom) and Itasca motor homes (Models: Sunrise, Suncruiser®, Sunflyer, Horizon).

These motor homes were built between May 10, 2001 and March 26, 2003. The vehicles were identified using serial numbers of Norcold® refrigerators supplied by Norcold and cross-referenced to our production records showing model numbers and VINs.

3. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 1,547.
4. It is estimated that 100 percent of the vehicles contain the defect.
5. Winnebago Industries, Inc. has learned that certain Norcold Models 1200LR, 1200LRIM, and 1201LRIM with cooling units manufactured from March 1, 2001 to December 31, 2002 and sold to Winnebago Industries® will be recalled. These units are subject to NHTSA assigned Recall Number 09E-027. A failure in the section of the cooling unit which contains the refrigerant could allow the liquid solution to slowly leak. Extended operation of a leaking cooling unit could lead to a fire from gas which might escape.
6. Winnebago Industries, Inc. discovered this recall through notification by Norcold, Inc.
7. N/A.
8. Winnebago Industries will assist Norcold to correct the situation by sending them printed owner letters, dealer letters, and envelopes. Norcold will mail the letters and conduct the recall.

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9. Winnebago Industries will provide a dealer letter in draft form at a later date.
10. Winnebago Industries will provide a customer letter in draft form at a later date.
11. N/A.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald W. Post". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Ronald W. Post
Product Compliance Manager

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Enclosures