

May 7, 1999

Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

RE: Safety Recall Campaign No. 99V-101

To Whom it May Concern:

Mailing of the dealer letter will be conducted beginning May 7, 1999. Mailing of the retail letter to customers will be conducted on May 17, 1999.

The status of this recall campaign will be included in our report for the quarter ending June 30, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due to NHTSA by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions regarding these letters, please contact me at 814/445-9661.

Sincerely,



Chuck Reckner
Director of Engineering
Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.

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May 7, 1999

Dear Fleetwood Folding Trailer Dealer:

This letter is being sent to you in accordance with the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on specific 1999 Grand Tour Series, Cheyenne and Nevada model folding trailers, manufactured between November 25, 1998 and January 25, 1999. Therefore, we are requesting your assistance to perform this voluntary recall. The recall is limited to the specific models suspected of having improper tire clearance. During transit, the tire may engage the front frame cross member and create a potential safety hazard. This can occur if a loss of tire tread, overheating, or tire failure is encountered. This may result in a loss of proper towing of the trailer or loss of tow vehicle maneuvering. To prevent any potential safety hazard, we have increased the tire clearance to 5/8" minimum distance between the tire and the front frame cross member.

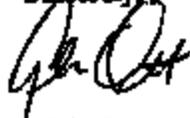
As described in a letter to owners, customers are to inspect and notify their local dealer to have the tire clearance inspected for the 5/8" minimum requirement. The repair procedure is easily performed by following the instructions on Technical Service Recall Bulletin (TS:99-2). All 1999 Grand Tour Cheyenne and Nevada model trailers in your inventory, produced between November 25, 1998 and January 25, 1999, must be inspected and repaired prior to delivery to the retail customer. Any materials (tires) required for the repair will be shipped from Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. in Somerset, Pennsylvania. We will supply to each dealer a computer list showing the trailers involved and supply any necessary materials (tires) as needed upon request to complete the repairs.

Once the repairs are completed, please complete the Fleetwood Folding Trailer's warranty service claim form utilizing the flat rate codes listed on the Technical Service Bulletin. Once the repairs are completed, have the customer and the dealership representative sign the warranty service claim form and submit it to us promptly. Upon receipt of the warranty service claim form, you will be paid a fee in accordance with the Technical Service Recall Bulletin.

Federal Law (Section 154 of The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966) requires: If you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply from Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defects on the vehicles remaining in your inventory, according to the notification, before selling or leasing the vehicles.

If you have any questions, please contact our Customer Service Department at 800/532-2317. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in protecting our customers.

Sincerely,



Alvin Ott
Technical Administrator

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May 17, 1999

Dear Fleetwood Folding Trailer Owner:

This notice is being sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 1999 Grand Tour Series, Cheyenne and Nevada model folding trailers, manufactured between November 25, 1998 and January 1, 1999.

Improper tire clearance (less than 5/8") between the wheel and front frame cross member is suspected. This can result from the tire rubbing the metal frame. If the suspect condition exists, a loss of tire tread, overheating, and possible tire failure could occur. This may result in loss of proper towing of the trailer or loss of tow vehicle maneuvering creating a potential accident and possibly bodily injury. Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has determined that a voluntary recall is necessary to ensure the safety of your folding trailer.

Since this defect affects motor vehicle safety, we recommend that you inspect your trailer for this particular condition. If the condition exists, contact your local authorized "Coleman" folding trailer dealer (regardless of selling dealer) to have the improper tire clearance corrected immediately or set-up a service appointment. Once the trailer is inspected, your dealer will perform the repairs in accordance with the recall. The inspection should take approximately fifteen minutes. If improper tire clearance is found, an additional time allowance of one hour and fifteen minutes will be required to perform the recall service. The total length of time your folding trailer may be retained is dependent upon your dealer's work schedule at the time of the repairs.

If you must use your trailer, take the appropriate precautions necessary to ensure safe towing of the trailer and handling of the tow vehicle, such as checking to ensure proper tire tread and that lug nuts are secure. Most importantly, periodically check the rear-view mirror for any signs of towing difficulties and maintain a safe driving speed.

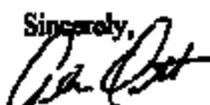
If you no longer own this vehicle, you should notify Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. by contacting your local dealer or our Customer Service Department at 814/445-9661, Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. (EST). Please provide us the name, address, and telephone number of the person(s) who purchased the trailer. This will enable us to send this important recall information to the new owners.

If you believe that the dealer or Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. has failed or has been unable to remedy the defect without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may submit a complaint to the address listed below or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 800/424-9393. Residents of Washington, D.C. area can call 202/366-0123.

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. apologizes for any inconvenience this recall might cause you, however, we are concerned about your safety. We appreciate your prompt assistance in eliminating any potential hazard to yourself or others.

This letter does not constitute an acknowledgment of legal liability.

Sincerely,

Alvin Ott
Technical Administrator



FLEETWOOD FOLDING TRAILERS, INC.
258 Beacon Street, P.O. Box 111
Somerset, Pennsylvania 15501
(814) 445-9661

May 3, 1999

TECHNICAL SERVICE BULLETIN TS-99-2

ATTENTION: SERVICE DEPARTMENT

**SUBJECT: 1999 GRAND TOUR SERIES, CHEYENNE and NEVADA MODELS
"TIRE CLEARANCE SAFETY RECALL"**

Affected models: 1999 Cheyenne model folding trailers produced between 11/25/98 and 1/25/99.

Serial Number Range:	61001 - 61065	Note: Only the last five digits of the full serial number are listed.
	61066 - 61165	
	61166 - 61270	
	61271 - 61300	
	65101 - 64135	

1999 Nevada model folding trailers produced between 11/25/98 and 1/25/99.

Serial Number Range:	62001 - 62100	Note: Only the last five digits of the full serial number are listed.
	62101 - 62175	
	62176 - 62260	
	62261 - 62310	
	62311 - 62345	

Nature of Defect: Improper tire clearance between the wheel and the front frame cross member.
NOTE: Minimum allowable clearance is 5/8".

Parts Required: None, unless the tire tread is damaged and the tire needs to be replaced.

Tools Required: 13/16" socket, ratchet, and extension (1/2" drive)
Tape measure
Hydraulic jack
Electric reciprocating saw or jigsaw with metal cutting blade
110 volt extension cord
Torque wrench
Grinder

This Technical Service Bulletin is designed to provide you the instructions needed to correct the improper tire clearance on 1999 Cheyenne and Nevada model trailers, produced between November 25, 1998 and January 25, 1999.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Using the tape measure, inspect both the roadside and curbside tire clearance between the wheel and the front frame cross member, in particular, the metal filler plate that extends into the wheel well opening. (Refer to attached diagram.)

Note: Trailer should be checked on the ground, not on any lift mechanism.

2. If the clearance is less than 5/8" on either the roadside or curbside tire, the service modification is required. If the measurement is more than 5/8", no service modification if necessary.

3. For trailers requiring service, chock the wheels opposite the tire to be removed.
4. Insert the hydraulic jack under the main trailer frame running front to rear on the side to have the tire removed. Locate jack close to the axle beam.
5. Using the 13/16" ratchet, socket, and extension slightly break each lug nut loose from the stud.
6. Using the hydraulic jack, raise the main trailer frame until the tire rotates freely on the axle above the ground.
7. Remove all five of the 13/16" lug nuts and remove the tire and rim. Lay parts aside.
8. Using the electric jig saw or reciprocating saw, with a metal cutting blade, cut back the metal filler plate on the front frame cross channel. The filler plate should be cut back a minimum of 5/8" for tire clearance or as far toward the plastic wheel well as physically possible. Remove any sharp metal burrs from the frame cross member. Finish the rough edges with a grinder if necessary.

CAUTION: Do not damage the plastic wheel well housing or external body panel. Irreversible damage could occur.

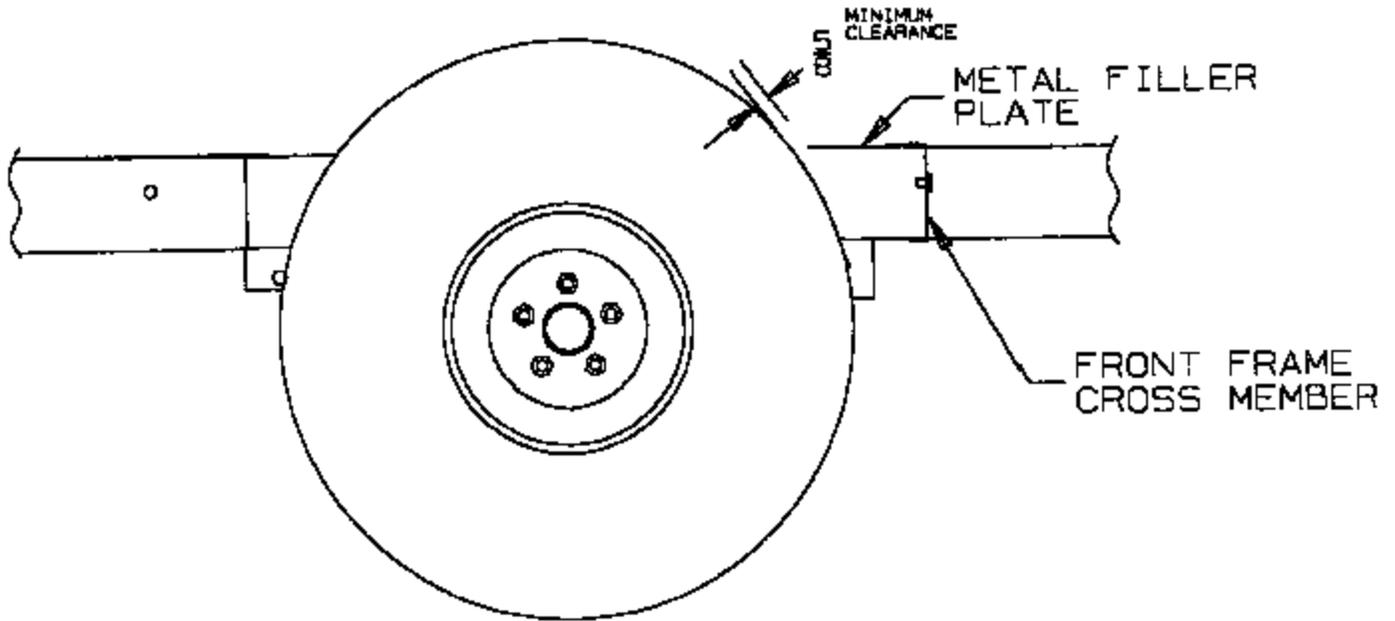
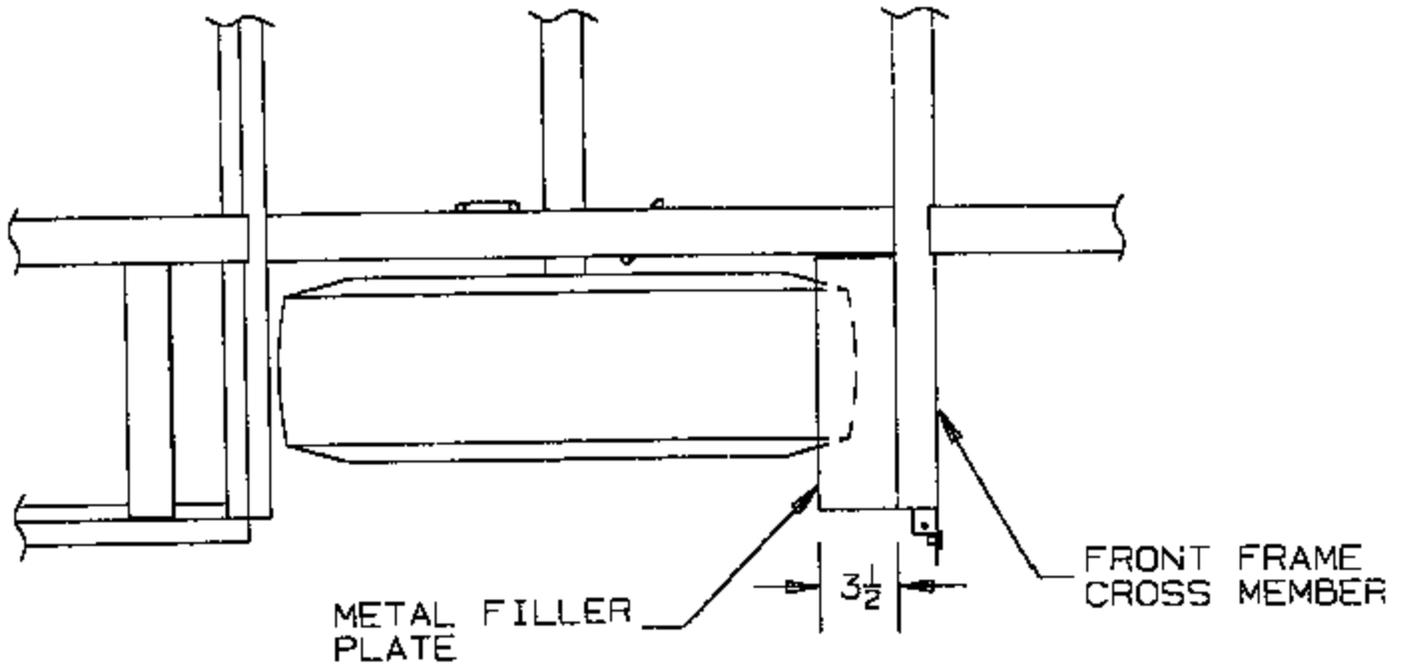
WARNING: Wear all applicable safety eye and ear protection. Do not handle hot metal parts with hands.

9. Reinstall tire and rim and snug lug nuts. Double check tire clearance for minimum 5/8" clearance.
10. Completely lower the trailer tire to the ground and retorque all 13/16" lug nuts to 90-120 foot pounds of torque.
11. Remove wheel well chocks on opposite side of trailer.
12. Repeat procedure for opposite tire and rim if necessary.

Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc. will pay a flat rate of fifteen minutes for inspection only on customers' trailers not requiring any service work. For trailers requiring service work to be performed, a flat rate of one hour per wheel (includes fifteen minute inspection) will be allowed. Upon completion of the service work, a Fleetwood Folding Trailer warranty service claim form should be promptly submitted. Only one service claim form per trailer is authorized. Service claim writers need to use the trouble code "TS99-2" on the warranty claim for reporting this recall. This trouble code must be used for proper identification and tracking for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. Reimbursement for labor, *freight, and *parts (*where necessary) are permitted. Under no circumstance should a customer be denied or charged for performing this safety recall.

To aid you in this recall, each Fleetwood Folding Trailer dealer on record as having purchased the suspect trailers will receive a computer list showing the trailers involved. The computer lists will be shipped separately from this Technical Service Recall Bulletin. No parts (tires) will be shipped unless requested by the dealer performing the recall service.

Thank you in advance for your participation and attention to this recall. Our customers' safety always comes first.



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Jonathan D. White, Chief
Technical Analysis Branch
Office of Defects Investigations (NEF-111)
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

**Subject: "Defects & Noncompliance Information Reports" 49 CFR Part 573 and
Section 158 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act**

Dear Mr. White:

In accordance with the subject regulation, I am submitting this report.

Attached is the Technical Service and/or Product Upgrade Bulletin pertaining to the subject regulation that has been submitted to our dealer network within the past month ending May 31, 1999.

Yours truly,



Charles Reckner Jr.
Director of Engineering

cc: Bob Wozniak
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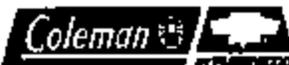
**NHTSA DOCUMENT REQUIREMENT
PER PART 573**

June 1, 1999

**Description of Document Enclosed: 1999 Grand Tour Series, Cheyenne and Nevada
Models "Tire Clearance Safety Recall" - TS:99-2**



**Charles Reckner Jr.
Director of Engineering**



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