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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-287.001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: October 18, 1999

Manufacturer: Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Robert W. Wozniak, Director of Engineering Services
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SUBJECT: 66,788 Fleetwood folding trailers equipped with Norcold Model 322/323, N260, N260.3, N300, and N300.3 gas/electric absorption refrigerators. The swivel nut which is an integral connection component of a pressure tap device has "stress corrosion cracking." This cracking can lead to an open fracture in the brass nut, potentially allowing propane gas to leak.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

It is our understanding that Norcold is conducting the owner notification and remedy campaign.

If you have any questions, please call:



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Dear Mr. Scanlon:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed Fleetwood Folding Trailers, Inc.'s (Fleetwood Folding Trailers) Defect Information Report dated October 18, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 66,788 Fleetwood Folding Trailers equipped with Norcold Model 322/323, N260, N260.3, N300, and N300.3 gas/electric absorption refrigerators. The swivel nut which is an integral connection component of a pressure tap device has "stress corrosion cracking." This cracking can lead to an open fracture in the brass nut, potentially allowing propane gas to leak. The assigned identification number for this recall is 99V-287.001.

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If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or by fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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