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

Assigned Recall No. 99V-294 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **October 13, 1999**

Manufacturer: **Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.**

Manufacturer Contact: **Mr. Robert E. Wozniak, Director of Engineering Services**

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SUBJECT: 1,601 Fleetwood 1997 and certain 1998 Avlon and Westport fifth wheel travel trailers manufactured from June 28, 1996 through March 17, 1998. These trailers can experience excessive flexing in the upper chassis which can lead to failure in the area of the pinbox. Fleetwood Recall No. 91112.

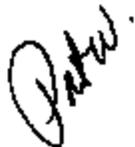
This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE99-041, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

We have reviewed your draft dealer/owner notification letters and they meet the requirements of Part 577.

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin December 17, 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by January 30, 2000.

If you have any questions, please call:



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Dear Mr. Wozniak:

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 Enterprises, Inc.'s (Fleetwood) Defect Information Report dated October 13, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 1,601 Fleetwood 1997 and certain 1998 Avion and Westport fifth wheel travel trailers manufactured from June 28, 1996 through March 17, 1998. These trailers can experience excessive flexing in the upper chassis which can lead to failure in the area of the pinbox. The assigned identification number for this recall is 99V-294 (Fleetwood Recall No. 91112).

Fleetwood is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

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

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
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