

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

Assigned Recall No. 00V-052 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: February 14, 2000

Manufacturer: Winnebago Industries

Manufacturer Contact: Mr. Donald D. Bartz, Product Safety Manager

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SUBJECT: 235 Winnebago and Itasca 2000 P34B, P36G, P36L, and P36LD motor homes manufactured from July 20, 1999 through January 23, 2000. These motor homes may contain a generator with an improperly sized breaker for its intended application. A 30-amp circuit breaker is installed where a 20-amp circuit breaker should be. This breaker protects the circuit that goes to a central air conditioning unit. Winnebago Safety Recall No. 75.

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.

We have reviewed your draft owner/dealer notification letters and they do not quite meet the requirements of Part 577. In the second paragraph, you need to add the sentence, "**Winnebago Industries, Inc. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Winnebago and Itasca motor homes.**" Then you can continue with "An improperly sized circuit breaker....".

Also, under the **What You Should Do** paragraph, please add how much time will be needed for repairs.

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 March 15, 2000.** Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2000.

Note: Is there a model name for these motor homes? Please call or send me a fax if there is.

If you have any questions, please call:



Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst on (202) 366-5232
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Recall Analysis Division

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Dear Mr. Bartz:

We have reviewed Winnebago Industries, Inc.'s (Winnebago) Defect Information Report dated February 14, and subsequent information dated February 24, 2000, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 235 Winnebago and Itasca 2000 P34B, P36G, P36L, and P36LD motor homes manufactured from July 20, 1999 through January 23, 2000. These motor homes may contain a generator with an improperly sized breaker for its intended application. A 30-amp circuit breaker is installed where a 20-amp circuit breaker should be. This breaker protects the circuit that goes to a central air conditioning unit. The assigned identification number for this recall is 00V-052 (*Winnebago Safety Recall No. 75*).

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

Quarterly Status Reports

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 was expected to begin March 22, 2000. Since this is so close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2000.

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

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. White, Chief
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