



ODI RESUME

U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

Investigation: RQ 07-002
Date Opened: 09/05/2007
Principal Investigator: John Abbott
Subject: Engine Cooling Fan Blade

Manufacturer: Winnebago Industries, Inc.
Products: 2002 Winnebago Rialta and Vista
Population: 15,000

Problem Description: Separation of the blades from the engine's electronic cooling fan.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	4		
Crashes/Fires:	0		
Injury Incidents:	0		
# Injuries:	0		
Fatality Incidents:	0		
# Fatalities:	0		
Other*:	0		

*Description of Other:

Action: OPEN RECALL QUERY

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Summary: The Office of Defects Investigation (ODI) has received four reports alleging failure of an engine cooling fan in the subject vehicles. Three of the complainants alleged the fan "disintegrated" and two of the three alleged the radiator was damaged as a result. The fourth complainant alleged that his vehicle experienced violent shaking and overheating. When the vehicle was inspected, it was noted that pieces of the fan were missing.

All four vehicles are class C motor homes built on a Volkswagen Eurovan chassis. Two of the vehicles are "Rialta" models and two are "Vista" model.

ODI previously investigated this issue in 2003 (see EA03-013). As a result of that investigation, Volkswagen conducted a recall (see 04V-107) involving 2,563 model year 1998-2000 Rialta vehicles.