



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Port Angeles, WA 

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Ref. No. 10226199

Dear :

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2005 Western Alpenlite recreational vehicle. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on April 23, 2008.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

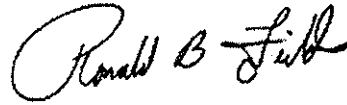
We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. A review of our database relative to poor weld quality and insufficient press fit between the wheel rim and disc in MY 2005 Western Alpenlite vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to warrant opening a safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention.

With regard to your MY 2005 Western Alpenlite recreational vehicle, please be advised that under the Safety Act, if Western expands the scope of the recall campaign to include MY 2005 Alpenlite recreational vehicles, you may be entitled to reimbursement. However, at this time, there is no investigation to expand the scope of this NHTSA campaign 05V-435.



Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ronald B. Fields". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "R" and "F".

Ronald B. Fields, Chief
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