



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 06-058
Date Opened: 12/14/2006 Date Closed: 04/18/2007
Principal Investigator: Tom Bowman
Subject: Cargo Door Extending During Travel

Manufacturer: Winnebago Industries, Inc.
Products: 2006 Model Year Winnebago View & ITASCA Navion Motorhomes
Population: 1582

Problem Description: The latching system used to secure the slideout cooler does not clearly indicate it is latched or provide for a secondary catch to prevent full extension if not properly secured.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	3	4	6
Crashes/Fires:	1	3	3
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	4	4

*Description of Other: Warranty claims indicating cargo door opened while traveling.

Action: Close this PE. Recall NO. 07V-163.

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Summary: Winnebago has filed defect report 07V-163 which outlines Winnebago's intention to install secondary latches on the affected cargo doors of the affected vehicles.

ODI believes that the proposed secondary latch will provide a more reliable latching system (1) for owners who may inadvertently fail to secure the primary latch and/or (2) as a redundant retention means for situations in which a cargo door becomes misaligned, distorted, and/or damaged in a way that compromises the integrity of the primary latch system.