November 4, 2010

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Ms. Jennifer T. Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: NVS-215aa
EQ10-006
10E-027
10V-201

Dear Ms. Timian:

I received your November 1, 2010 letter regarding the safety issue of the electric fireplaces that were manufactured by Dimplex North America Limited. I did receive your original letter of August 31, 2010 and had the matter researched. Mr. Dale Jordal sent an e-mail to your office on September 8, 2010. I have enclosed herewith a copy of that correspondence.

I apologize that this letter did not reach your desk. However, I hope the letter and information provided by Mr. Jordal closes this matter for Winnebago Industries. As you see from the enclosed letter, Winnebago did not install any of the subject electric fireplaces into any motor homes we produced.

Again, I apologize for the communication error. Please contact me directly if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES, INC.

Ronald W. Post
Product Compliance Manager

RWP/kcj
Enclosure
c: Dale Jordal

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## Ron Post

**From:** Dale Jordal [djordal@winnebagoind.com]
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 08, 2010 2:42 PM
**To:** rmd.odi@dot.gov
**Cc:** Ron Post
**Subject:** Response to EQ10-006

Ms. Timian:

In response to your August 31, 2010 letter to Ron Post (ref: EQ10-006) , please see attached .pdf.

***Dale Jordal***
***Product Safety Administrator***
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WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES

September 8, 2010

Ms. Jennifer T. Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
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400 - 7th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Timian:

Pursuant to your August 31, 2010 letter to Ron Post (ref: EQ10-006), regarding Winnebago Industries, Inc. involvement with the WESCO / Dimplex fireplace recall (10E-027).

Winnebago Industries had been sent one sample of 6800050200RP on June 26, 2003 that was in the population affected by this recall. This sample was sent to our product design group for evaluation. This part was never used.

The reason a 573 letter was not sent to NHTSA was due to the fact no vehicles were built with the defective fireplace installed in them. If a 573 letter is required for components that are not installed or used, I apologize and will keep this in mind if this type of occurrence would happen again.

If the above response did not satisfy your request, or you require further information please contact me with your questions on this matter.

Sincerely,

Dale Jordal

Dale Jordal
Product Safety Administrator

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