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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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

Assigned Recall No. **04V-608** by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **September 23, 2004**

Date Faxed: **December 28, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Winnebago Industries**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Dale Jordal, Product Safety Administrator**

FAX: **641-585-6966**

SUBJECT: 6,201 Winnebago and Itasca MY 2004-2005 Rialta, Sightseer, Sunova, Brave, Voyage, Sunrise, Adventurer, Suncruiser, Chieftain, Sunflyer, Journey, Meridian, Vectra, and Horizon motor homes built with Am-Safe seat belts. Certain seat belt buckles on some motor homes fail to conform to the load requirement of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies."

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written only if we have additional comments or concerns.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and the word "may" needs to be removed from the third paragraph, "Am-Safe ...has decided that your seat belt fails to conform to". The owner notification letter must be modified to accommodate this information, but owners which may have already been notified by Winnebago need not be re-notified. A second notification letter on this recall, in full compliance with Part 577, may be required depending on the performance of this recall.

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 began on November 12, 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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