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June 30, 2004

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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Administration for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

04V-310
Amendment

Re: Safety Defect Report – Amendment to #3. Original reported number of 4550 conventional and fifth wheel travel trailers included 1124 Canadian.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., has determined that a safety defect exists in travel trailers as listed below, and is furnishing this notification in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on June 24, 2004.
 - Fleetwood has assigned 40521 as an identification code to this recall.
- (1) The affected travel trailers were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
- Fleetwood Travel Trailers of California, Inc. #15
145 S. Larch Ave. P.O. Box 810
Rialto, California 92376
- Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Oregon, Inc. #23
4640 N.W. Bartsch Road, P.O. Box 1247
Pendleton, Oregon 97801
- Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Oregon, Inc. #24
Pierce Lane, P.O. Box 1067
La Grande, Oregon 97850
- Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Maryland, Inc. #28
35 South Street
Hancock, Maryland 21750
- Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Ohio, Inc. #29
407 W. Railroad Street, P.O. Box 669
Edgerton, Ohio 43517
- Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Indiana, Inc. #42
1635 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 665
Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Kentucky, Inc. #60
P.O. Box 1078
Campbellsville, Kentucky 42719

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Texas, Inc. #40
901 Fisher Road, P.O. Box 7909
Longview, Texas 75607

Fleetwood Canada, LTD #65
70 Mount Hope Street
Lindsay, Ontario K9V 5G4 Canada

The agency should contact the following person with respect to this recall:

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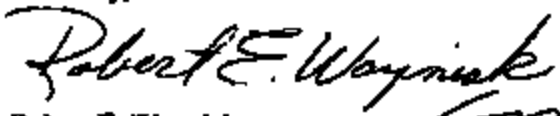
- (2) The vehicles involved in this recall are 2002 & 2003 model year Pride and Triumph conventional and fifth wheel travel trailers and 2004 model year Pride, Triumph, Prowler, Wilderness, Terry, Mallard and Pioneer conventional and fifth wheel travel trailers manufactured from January 4, 2002 through April 21, 2004. The January 4, 2002 date is the first application of the aluminum wheels, and the April 21, 2004 date is the last application of aluminum wheels. These conventional and fifth wheel travel trailers were built with a Fleetwood identification number range of 1ED1F272X41590784 through 2EC5C272646594908.
- (3) Fleetwood reports 3426 as an approximate number of conventional and fifth wheel travel trailers containing the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 1% of the above conventional and fifth wheel travel trailers contain the safety defect.
- (5) Fleetwood has not identified a specific design defect with the wheel system or axle assembly that would generate a wheel separation incident when the system is properly torqued and subjected to Fleetwood's recommended wheel torque maintenance practices. Our findings have lead us to the opinion that excessive paint coating on the axle mating surfaces was a significant contributor to initial torque relaxation which can be overcome by Fleetwood's maintenance schedule within the initial 50 miles of operation.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood began an investigation in Spring 2003 when field reports were received concerning aluminum wheel separation from the conventional and fifth wheel travel trailer during road use.

Fleetwood is not aware of any accidents or injuries that have resulted from this safety defect.
- (8) Fleetwood will provide at no charge to the customer:
 - o Inspection of all wheels, lug studs and mating surfaces
 - o Removal of paint from mating surfaces
 - o Customer education and awareness
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on July 19, 2004.
- (10) Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on July 26, 2004.

- (11) Fleetwood does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.
- (12) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:
- I) Letter of dealer notification
 - II) Letter of customer notification
 - III) Service Bulletin

If additional information is required, please contact myself.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Wozniak
Director of Engineering and Product Compliance
Recreational Vehicle Group