



Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
Recreational Vehicle Group
Engineering & Product Compliance
2970 Myers Street, P.O. Box 7638
Riverside, California 92513-7638

July 26, 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

Re: Safety Defect Report – Amendment to #2, 2002 model year product is not involved. Inclusion of Fleetwood Identification Number range.
Amendment to #3, original report number of 8219 motor homes changed to 8969.

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., has determined that a safety defect exists in motor homes 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 July 14, 2004.
- Fleetwood has assigned 40715 as an identification code to this recall.

(1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

Fleetwood Motor Homes of California, Inc. #47
5300 Via Ricardo, P.O. Box 5726
Riverside, California 92517

Fleetwood Motor Homes of Pennsylvania, Inc. #71
Route 487, R.F.D. #1 P.O. Drawer 5
Paxinos, Pennsylvania 17860

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

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(2) The vehicles involved in this recall are 2003 and 2004 model year Terra, Fiesta, Flair, Stone, Boulder, Pace Arrow and Southwind class A motor homes and 2003, 2004 model year Jamboree, Jamboree GT, Tioga and Tioga SL class C motor homes manufactured from November 1, 2002 through March 23, 2004. The March 23, 2004 date coincides with the correctly welded Draw Tite hitch receiver being incorporated into production.

These motor homes were built with a Fleetwood identification number range of 726W34777488 through 721V44784784 and 721E37161985 through 728S47165171.

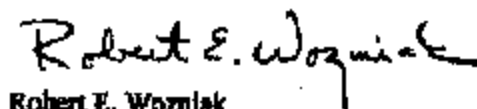
- (3) Fleetwood reports 89659 as an approximate number of motor homes containing the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 1% of the above motor homes contain the safety defect.
- (5) On motor homes affected by this recall the Draw Tite brand hitch receiver (manufactured by Cequent Towing Products, Inc., 47774 Anchor Court West, Plymouth, Michigan 48170, telephone number 734-656-3041) and installed by Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., may be missing one or more welds that would normally exist between the hitch receiver box and the bottom support plate. During use, forces may be applied that could cause the existing welds to break and the hitch receiver box and towed load to separate from the towing vehicle.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood began an investigation in March, 2004 when this situation was identified during motor home manufacture.

Fleetwood is not aware of any injuries that have resulted from this safety defect.
Fleetwood is aware of four accidents that may have resulted from this safety defect.
- (8) Fleetwood will inspect and if necessary replace the hitch receiver if a defect is found. Fleetwood will perform this service at no charge to the customer.
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on July 30, 2004.
- (10) Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on August 16, 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

In accordance with our customary practice, we are requesting your review of the enclosed drafts of the service bulletin and letters to dealers and owners.

If additional information is required, please contact myself.

Sincerely,



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