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Mr. George H. Person, Chief  
Office of Defects Investigation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.  
400 - 7<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Mr. Person:

Winnebago Industries<sup>®</sup> submits the following report pursuant to Part 573 of the NHTSA regulations. The numbered paragraphs below correspond to those found at Part 573.5(c).

1. Winnebago Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 152  
Forest City, IA 50436
2. Certain Ford<sup>®</sup> 2003 model year E-Series chassis, equipped with gas engines, built at Lorain Assembly Plant from April 23, 2002 through September 19, 2003 and certain 2004 model year E-Series chassis, equipped with gas engines, built at the Lorain Assembly Plant from May 6, 2003 through November 19, 2003. Affected vehicles are identified in OASIS.
3. Ford Motor Company has sent in the total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect. (Reference: Ford Recall 04522.)
4. Ford Motor Company has sent in the estimated percent of the vehicles containing the defect. (Reference: Ford Recall 04522.)
5. A diode in the anti-lock brake system (ABS) module may experience an electrical short. An electrical short may cause an ABS malfunction that would illuminate the ABS warning light, and in some cases, the module may overheat resulting in burning odor, smoke, and/or fire. Since battery power is always present at the module, this condition may occur when the vehicle ignition switch is in the "off" position, creating the potential for unattended vehicle fires.
6. Winnebago Industries discovered the defect as a result of an October 5, 2004 e-mail from Ford.
7. N/A.
8. Winnebago Industries has put the affected units on hold until the recall can be completed. Ford Motor Company is conducting the recall.
9. N/A.
10. N/A.
11. N/A.

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Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dale Jordal". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a stylized "J".

Dale Jordal  
Product Safety Administrator

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Enclosure

c: Ray Beebe  
Terry Hagen