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DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

Mr. George H. Person, Chief
Office of Defects Investigation
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.
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Washington, DC 20590

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Dear Mr. Person:

Winnebago Industries[®] 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).

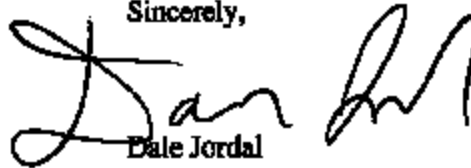
1. Winnebago Industries, Inc.
P.O. Box 152
Forest City, IA 50436
2. Certain 2003 model year E-Series chassis, equipped with gas engines, built at Lorain Assembly Plant from April 23, 2002 through September 19, 2003 and certain 2004 model year E-Series chassis, equipped with gas engines, built at the Lorain Assembly Plant from May 6, 2003 through April 30, 2004. 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 04523.)
4. Ford Motor Company has sent in the estimated percent of the vehicles containing the defect. (Reference: Ford Recall 04523.)
5. The air filter paper was not properly manufactured to prevent it from igniting when hot particles in the engine air system contact it, creating the potential for an engine compartment fire.
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 long, sweeping tail.

Dale Jordal
Product Safety Administrator

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Enclosure

c: Ray Beebe
Terry Hagen