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of Transportation

National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration

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

Assigned Recall No. 04V-471 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: August 31, 2004

Date Faxed: September 30, 2004

MANUFACTURER: Winnebago Industries

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Dale Jordal, Product Safety Administrator

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**SUBJECT: 240 Winnebago 2004-2005 Vectra and Itasca Horizon (S36GD, S36RD, S40AD, and S40KD) motor homes built on a Freightliner chassis with a 400-hp Cummins engine and manufactured from January 6, 2004 through July 30, 2004. A condition exists where a sheet metal "tab" on a wire cover behind the accelerator pedal has the potential to catch on the accelerator pedal. If the accelerator pedal hangs up on the tab of the wire cover, a hazardous situation could result in the pedal not going back to idle position, increasing the risk of personal injury, vehicle damage and, a crash could occur without prior notice.**

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

I have reviewed your proposed dealer bulletin and owner letter and they do not meet the requirements of Part 577. On the owner letter, the second paragraph should read, "Winnebago Industries, Inc., has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2004 through 2005 model year Winnebago .....engine." The last sentence of this paragraph should read "Personal injury, vehicle damage and/or a vehicle crash may result."

Also a sentence needs to be added concerning leased vehicles, i.e., "Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days."

We also will need a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the 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, the recall was expected to begin September 17, 2004. Since this will be close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

Please let me know when the actual mailing takes place and, provide this office with final copies of all documents relating to the recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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