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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
05V-275

Subject: UNSUPPORTED WATER AND HOLDING TANK

Dear Mr. WOZNIAK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
FLEETWOOD/ORBIT 190XP/2006
FLEETWOOD/ORBIT 260XP/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-275 **Recall Date:** June13 & 14, 2005

Components:
EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8

Summary:
CERTAIN TRAVEL TRAILERS HAVE UNSUPPORTED FRESH WATER AND HOLDING TANKS. THE TANKS REQUIRE STRAPS IN ORDER TO PREVENT THEM FROM SEPARATING FROM THE TRAVEL TRAILER.

Consequence:
IF THE TANK FELL OFF WHILE THE TRAVEL TRAILER IS IN MOTION, DAMAGE TO FOLLOWING VEHICLES COULD OCCUR, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:
DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND INSTALL SUPPORT STRAPS UNDERNEATH THE FRESH WATER AND HOLDING TNKS LOCATED UNDER THE TRAILER FLOOR. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JULY 12, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FLEETWOOD AT 800-509-3418.

Notes:
FLEETWOOD RECALL NO. 50610. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. On paragraph "WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?" delete the word "accident" and replace it with "crash" per the regulations. Also, a statement needs to be added advising the owner of the risk and consequences involved, i.e., "If the tank fell off while the travel trailer is in motion, damage to following vehicles could occur, increasing the risk of a crash. ..."

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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, owner notification is expected to begin during July 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement