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of Transportation

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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

September 16, 2005

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PRODUCT COMPLIANCE MANAGER
WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES, INC.
PO BOX 152
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NVS-215
05V-407

Subject: REFRIGERATOR ROOF VENT RELOCATION

Dear MR. POST:

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:

ITASCA/MERIDIAN/2004-2006
ITASCA/SUNCRUISER/2003 & 2005
ITASCA/SUNRISE/2005
WINNEBAGO/ADVENTURER/2003 & 2005
WINNEBAGO/JOURNEY/2004-2006
WINNEBAGO/VOYAGE/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-407

Mfg's Report Date: September 2, 2005

Components: EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,367

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, THE ROOF VENT FOR THE OPTIONAL 4-DOOR REFRIGERATOR WAS INCORRECTLY LOCATED.

Consequence:

THIS CAN ALLOW EXCESSIVE HEAT BUILDUP WHICH HAS THE POTENTIAL TO IGNITE SURROUNDING MATERIALS, RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR VEHICLE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RELOCATE THE ROOF VENT. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT WINNEBAGO AT 1-641-585-6939.

Notes:

WINNEBAGO RECALL NO. 96. CUSTOMERS CAN CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236; (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV).

The information in your defect or noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirement of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

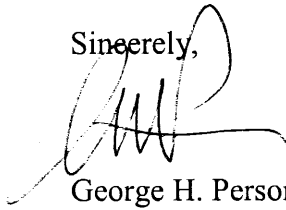
- We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Please change the "Reason for this Recall" paragraph to read: "Winnebago Industries, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain vehicles ...".
- Regulations require manufacturers conducting safety recalls to include the NHTSA Vehicle Safety Hotline phone number in their notification letters to owners [49 CFR 577.5(g)(1)(vii)]. That phone number has changed, and in a technical amendment to the regulation published in the June 21, 2005 Federal Register [70 FR 35556] manufacturers' owner letters must contain the new phone number and the NHTSA's web address. Accordingly, beginning July 21, 2005, please revise your owner letters to include the new information: "*or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.*"

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 September 2005. Since we are close to the end of the quarter, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2006.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', written over the word 'Sincerely,'.

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