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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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RONALD W. POST
PRODUCT COMPLIANCE MANAGER
WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES, INC.
605 W. CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD
FOREST CITY IA 50436

NVS-215
05V-573

Subject: ENTRANCE STEPS/KWIKEE

Dear MR. POST:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

ITASCA/CAMBRIA/2006
ITASCA/ELLIPSE/2006
ITASCA/HORIZON/2006
ITASCA/MERIDIAN/2006
ITASCA/NAVION/2006
ITASCA/SPIRIT/2006
ITASCA/SUNDANCER/2006
ITASCA/SUNOVA/2006
ITASCA/SUNRISE/2006
WINNEBAGO/ASPECT/2006
WINNEBAGO/JOURNEY/2006
WINNEBAGO/MINNIE WINNIE/2006
WINNEBAGO/OUTLOOK/2006
WINNEBAGO/SIGHTSEER/2006
WINNEBAGO/TOUR/2006
WINNEBAGO/VECTRA/2006
WINNEBAGO/VIEW/2006
WINNEBAGO/VOYAGE/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-573

Mfg's Report Date: December 16, 2005

Components: STRUCTURE:BODY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 193

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES EQUIPPED WITH KWIKEE BRAND ELECTRIC STEPS, THE STEPS MAY HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH DEFECTIVE STEP CONTROL UNITS.

Consequence:

THE DEFECTIVE CONTROL UNITS COULD DEVELOP AN ELECTRICAL SHORT ALLOWING FOR THE POTENTIAL OF THE PLASTIC CASE TO IGNITE, POSSIBLY RESULTING IN PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR VEHICLE AND PROPERTY DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE KWIKEE STEP AND REPLACE THE STEP CONTROL UNIT, IF NECESSARY, FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY OR FEBRUARY 2006. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WINNEBAGO AT 1-800-537-1885.

Notes:

WINNEBAGO RECALL NO. 100. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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 report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

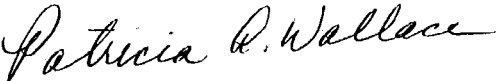
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. Under "Reason for this Recall," the sentence should read "Winnebago Industries, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists on certain vehicles equipped with the Kwikkee® brand electric step."

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 January or February 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by April 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@NIHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,


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