



Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
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Engineering & Product Compliance
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June 20, 2005

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Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On June 15, 2005 Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. determined that a safety defect exists in fifth wheel travel trailers as listed below, and is furnishing this notification in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on June 20, 2005.
- Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. has assigned 50615 as an identification code to this recall.

(1) The affected travel trailers were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiary of Fleetwood Enterprises Inc.

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Indiana, Inc. #42
1635 Elmore Street, P.O. Box 665
Crawfordsville, Indiana 47933

The agency should contact the following individual with respect to this recall:

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(2) The vehicles involved in this recall are 2004 and 2005 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry fifth wheel 365 FLTS model travel trailers manufactured from January 1, 2003 through January 31, 2004. The January 1, 2003 date coincides with the chassis manufacturer, Lippert Components, beginning to close their Crawfordsville, Indiana manufacturing plant. The January 31, 2004 date coincides with the relocation of Lippert Components to a Goshen, Indiana facility.

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These fifth wheel travel trailers were built with a Fleetwood identification number range of IEC5F362444280142 through IED5F362644282230.

- (3) Fleetwood reports 496 as an approximate number of fifth wheel travel trailers containing the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 5 % of the above fifth wheel travel trailers contain the safety defect.
- (5) Certain fifth wheel travel trailers have missing welds on the Lippert chassis cross-members. This condition can cause the cross-member to become dislodged, creating a road hazard if the fifth wheel travel trailer is in transit.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. became aware of this safety defect in February, 2005 while conducting field inspections.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. is not aware of any accidents or injuries that have resulted from this safety defect.

- (8) The recall remedy consists of inspecting certain cross-members for missing welds and correcting the condition if present by completing the welds and adding additional support to the affected area. Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. will provide this recall remedy at no charge to the customer.
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on July 1, 2005.
Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on July 8, 2005.

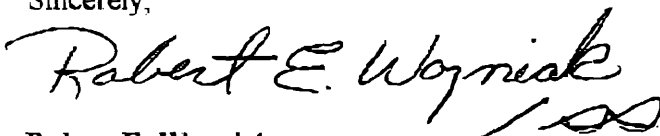
Fleetwood does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.

- (10) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:
 - I) Letter of dealer notification
 - II) Letter of customer notification
 - III) Service Bulletin

Drafts of the service bulletin and letters to dealers and owners will be forthcoming for your review.

If additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Wozniak
Director of Engineering and Product Compliance
Recreational Vehicle Group