



July 21, 2005

Mr. Kenneth Weinstein
Administration for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh St., S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

05V-333
(7 pages)

Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein

On July 20, 2005, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. decided that a noncompliance with the requirements of Part 567 "Certification", exists in motor homes 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 July 21, 2005
 - Fleetwood has assigned 50719 as an identification code to this voluntary recall campaign.
- (1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

Fleetwood Motor Homes of Indiana, Inc. #44
1031 US 224 East
Decatur, Indiana 46733

Fleetwood Motor Homes of Pennsylvania, Inc. #71
Route 487, R.F.D. #1, P.O. Drawer 5
Paxinos, Pennsylvania 17860

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

Robert E. Wozniak
Director of Engineering and Product Compliance
Recreational Vehicle Group
Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
2970 Myers St.
Riverside, CA 92513-7638
Telephone (951) 351-3814 Fax (951) 353-7032

- (2) The vehicles involved in the recall are 2005 and 2006 model year Expedition, Excursion, Discovery, Providence and Bounder Diesel brand class A motor homes manufactured from June 1, 2004 through April 11, 2005. The June 1, 2004 date coincides with the first Fleetwood production

of the subject hitch. The April 11, 2005 date coincides with corrected information labels being installed by Cequent Towing Products, (47774 Anchor Court West, P.O. Box 8102, Plymouth, MI 48170, phone (734) 656-3097) the tow hitch receiver manufacturer. These motor homes were built with Fleetwood identification number ranges of 730H54491185 through 730Z57167086, 735H57165809 through 735Z57167696, 770A54491033 through 770U54493637, 772A54491037 through 772U54492737 and 779A54491960 through 779U54491668.

- (3) Fleetwood reports 2,435 as the number of Expedition, Excursion, Discovery, Providence and Boulder Diesel, class A motor homes containing the noncompliance
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 100% of the above motor homes contain the noncompliance.
- (5) On Expedition, Excursion, Discovery, Providence and Boulder Diesel motor homes affected by this recall, the tow hitch receiver weight information labels provided by Cequent Towing Products, had an incorrect weight carrying capacity value of 10,000 lbs. and an incorrect tongue weight value of 1,000 lbs. The correct weight carrying capacity value is 5,000 lbs. and the tongue weight value is 500 lbs.
- (6) Not applicable
- (7) Fleetwood began an investigation in March, 2005 when Cequent Towing Products provided Fleetwood with a drawing of the tow hitch receiver weight information label, specifying the incorrect values.

Fleetwood is not aware of any accidents or injuries that have resulted from this noncompliance.

- (8) Fleetwood will mail corrected tow hitch receiver weight information labels to dealers and owner's of record and will ask that they remove or deface the original tow hitch receiver weight information label and replace it with the new tow hitch receiver weight information label. Owner's who are not comfortable installing this label can take it to any Fleetwood dealer and they will install it at no charge.
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on July 29, 2005.
Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on July 29, 2005.

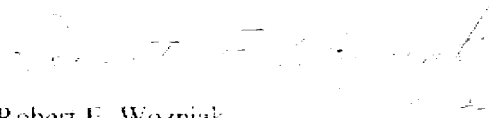
Fleetwood does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.

- (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

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

If additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Wozniak". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "R".

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

Attachments: Draft Dealer Letter
Draft Customer Letter

IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION # 50719

July, 2005

Dear Valued Fleetwood Motor Home Customer,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing centers located in Decatur, Indiana and Paxinos, Pennsylvania has decided that certain 2005 and 2006 Providence, Discovery, Excursion, Expedition and Boulder Diesel class A motor homes fail to comply with the requirements of Part 567, "Certification"

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., has become aware of a Weight Carrying Capacity and Tongue Weight error on the manufacturers tow hitch receiver information label. The label was printed with the incorrect Weight Carrying Capacity value of 10,000 lbs. and the incorrect Tongue Weight value of 1,000 lbs. The correct Weight Carrying Capacity value is 5,000 lbs. and the correct Tongue Weight value is 500 lbs.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Remove or deface the original manufacturers tow hitch receiver information label and replace it with the new tow hitch receiver information label that is enclosed with this letter. Note: Please peel the backing before applying to the tow hitch receiver. After you have completed the procedure, please return the enclosed pre-addressed "**Vehicle Information Update Card**" for your motor home to Fleetwood

If you have changed your address or sold the motor home, please take a moment to provide the name and address of the person or dealership you sold it to on the enclosed "**Vehicle Information Update Card**" and return it to Fleetwood. That way we can update our records, and if necessary, notify the new owner using the information you provide.

For leased vehicles: Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you do not feel comfortable installing this label yourself, you may take it to any Fleetwood dealer and they will install it for you at no charge.

When you deliver your motor home for repairs, your dealer will complete a **Fleetwood Repair Order**. Upon completion of the repair, please sign the **Fleetwood Repair Order**

If you have had this concern corrected previously, you may be eligible for reimbursement of your cost for that repair. For more information regarding this recall #50719, contact Fleetwood Owner Relations at 800-509-3418

If you are unable to obtain the specified repair promptly and without charge, please contact:

Fleetwood Owner Relations - Recall #50719

2350 Fleetwood Drive

Riverside, CA 92509

800-509-3418

If you believe that the dealer and Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. have failed or have been unable to remedy the noncompliance without charge or within a reasonable period of time, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

400 Seventh Street S.W.

Washington, DC 20590

Or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. is taking these steps in the interest of your safety. We regret any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC.

Tina Inkrote
Service Coordinator
Recreational Vehicle Division

IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION # 50719

July, 2005

TO ALL FLEETWOOD DEALER PRINCIPALS,
SERVICE MANAGERS
AND PARTS MANAGERS

SUBJECT: RECALL CAMPAIGN # 50719
Diesel Tow Hitch Receiver Information Label

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing centers located in Decatur, Indiana and Paxinos, Pennsylvania is requesting your assistance in conducting a voluntary recall notification campaign in accordance with the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety act.

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., has decided that certain 2005 and 2006 Providence, Discovery, Excursion, Expedition and Bounder Diesel class A motor homes fail to comply with the requirements of Part 567, "Certification". These motor homes were manufactured at our Decatur, Indiana and Paxinos, Pennsylvania manufacturing plants.

We are notifying the owners of the affected units in order to correct the problem. A copy of the letter sent to owners is enclosed for your information.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Fleetwood Enterprises Inc., has become aware of a Weight Carrying Capacity and Tongue Weight error on the manufacturers tow hitch receiver information label. The label was printed with the incorrect Weight Carrying Capacity value of 10,000 lbs. and the incorrect Tongue Weight value of 1,000 lbs. The correct Weight Carrying Capacity value is 5,000 lbs. and the correct Tongue Weight value is 500 lbs.

To correct this noncompliance, it is necessary to remove or deface the original manufacturers tow hitch receiver information label and replace it with the new tow hitch receiver information label as described in the enclosed Recall Service Bulletin #50719.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please check your motor home inventory and perform the repair procedure on affected units as outlined in the attached service bulletin #50719. It is imperative that this procedure be completed prior to the sale of the affected units so your customers will not be inconvenienced.

Owners of the above mentioned motor homes have been asked to remove or deface the original manufacturers tow hitch receiver information label and replace it with the new tow hitch receiver information label enclosed with the recall notification letter.

If the owner is not comfortable installing the label, they may take it to any Fleetwood dealer for installation.

In the event that a customer contacts you, please verify eligibility by referring to the serial number range listed in the enclosed Recall Service Bulletin #50719 prior to beginning the inspection and repairs.

Should a customer have you perform this service, please complete the **Fleetwood Repair Order** (form X-SR-042). Once the inspection and repairs are completed, have the customer sign the **Fleetwood Repair Order** and return it to your National Warranty Processing Center in Decatur, Indiana for payment. You will be reimbursed in accordance with Recall Service Bulletin #50719. Customers will not be charged for these repairs.

If you are contacted by the owner of a motor home with questions concerning this topic, please ask them to contact:

FLEETWOOD OWNER RELATIONS - RECALL #50719
800-509-3418

If you have one of these vehicles in your inventory, you will be mailed a Safety Recall Notice for that specific motor home. Fleetwood is asking our dealers to make repairs to stock units on dealer lots prior to sale or lease.

Federal Law (Section 154 of the National Highway Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966) requires that:

If you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply from Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defects on vehicles remaining in your inventory, according to the notification, before selling or leasing the vehicles. Any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of the notice to the lessee within ten days.

Please review this entire package with your parts and service staff to familiarize them with the step-by-step procedure and implement the Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign.

Thank you for helping Fleetwood with its continuing efforts to maintain customer satisfaction. If you have any questions, please contact your regional Fleetwood Service Center.

Sincerely,

FLEETWOOD ENTERPRISES, INC

Tina Inkrote
Service Coordinator
Recreational Vehicle Division

Enclosures: Recall #50719 Customer Letter
Recall #50719 Service Bulletin