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November 3, 2005

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

05V-511
(12 pages)

Re: Safety Defect Report

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

On October 31, 2005, Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. decided that a noncompliance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 567, S5.1.2 FMVSS 102, "tire selection and rims for motor vehicles other than passengers", exists in 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 October 31, 2005
 - Fleetwood has assigned 51024 as an identification code to this voluntary recall campaign.
- (1) The affected travel trailers were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Oregon, Inc. #24
62582 Pierce Road/P.O. Box 1067
La Grande, Oregon 97850

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Maryland, Inc. #28
35 South Street
Hancock, Maryland 21750

Fleetwood Travel Trailers of Texas, Inc. #40
901 Fisher Road/P.O. Box 7909
Longview, Texas 75604

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 voluntary safety recall are 2004 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry brand travel trailers manufactured from November 19, 2002 through February 4, 2003. The November 19, 2002 date coincides with the first travel trailer identified from a database search of probable affected units. The February 4, 2003 date coincides with the load range "C" tires being installed onto the subject models.

These travel trailers were built with Fleetwood identification number ranges of 1EC1R252X42480021 thru 1EA1R252942480049, 1EC1R252042806330, and 1EA1R252X44098486 thru 1ED1R252X44098510.

- (3) Fleetwood reports 48 as the number of Prowler, Wilderness and Terry travel trailers containing the noncompliance.
- (4) Fleetwood estimates that 100% of the above travel trailers contain the noncompliance.
- (5) On Prowler, Wilderness and Terry travel trailers affected by this recall the trailer certification/tire placard labels indicate a tire size of ST205/75R15C at an inflation pressure of 50 psi. The GAWR (gross axle weight rating) for each axle is listed as 3500 pounds. The tires on the trailers (as fitted new) were ST205/75R15B Marathon Radials that have a maximum psi rating of 35 and a maximum load capacity of 1480 pounds. The tire carrying capacity of these tires at 35 psi as stated in the Tire and Rim Association manual is consistent with the sidewall value of 1480 pounds. The sum of the maximum load ratings on the tires fitted to each of the two rear axles then is 2960 pounds which is less than the certification label specification of 3500 pounds. Thus the tires equipped with the trailer are unable to carry the listed GAWR.
- (6) Not applicable.
- (7) Fleetwood began an investigation in October, 2005 when NHTSA opened an investigation (OA-120-050825-B).

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

- (8) Fleetwood will notify customers and ask them to schedule an appointment with their nearest authorized Fleetwood dealer to have an inspection performed and if the incorrect tires are installed, replacing them with load range "C" tires. Fleetwood will perform this remedy at no charge to the customer.
- (9) Fleetwood intends to conduct a dealer notification mailing on November 9, 2005.
Fleetwood intends to conduct a customer notification mailing on November 16, 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.

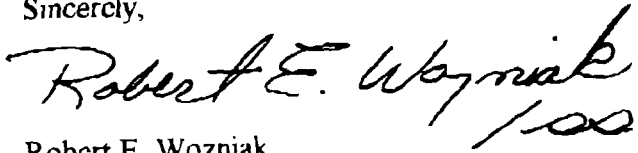
This correspondence will include:

- I) Letter of dealer notification
- II) Letter of customer notification
- III) Service Bulletin

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

If additional information is required, please contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Robert F. Wozniak" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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

Attachments: Draft Dealer Letter
Draft Customer Letter
Draft Service Bulletin

Draft Only



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IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION #51024

November, 2005

Dear Valued Fleetwood Travel Trailer 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 La Grande, Oregon; Hancock, Maryland and Longview, Texas has decided that a non-compliance to S5.1.2 FMVSS No. 102 "tire selection and rims for motor vehicles other than passenger cars" exists in certain 2004 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry travel trailers.

WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

Fleetwood Enterprises Inc. has decided that certain 2004 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry 250RK model travel trailers specified the incorrect load range tire. These travel trailers may have load range "B" tires installed. The correct tire is a load range "C". The load range "B" tires do not have enough capacity to carry the maximum load the travel trailer is designed for. A fully loaded travel trailer will overload the tires, which could lead to tire failure, loss of vehicle control, and could result in a crash.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Due to safety related reasons and the potential for a vehicle crash, please make certain your travel trailer is immediately inspected and repaired by contacting the dealer who sold you the travel trailer and making an appointment to have this repair performed. If they are not available, another Fleetwood Travel Trailer dealer may do this work for you.

WHAT WILL FLEETWOOD DO?

Upon inspection and verification any tires found that are mark "load range "B" will be removed and replaced with an original equipment "load range "C" tire. The inspection and repair could take up to two hours. The total length of time your travel trailer will be out of service will depend on the dealer's work schedule at the time of repairs.

When you deliver your travel trailer for repairs, your dealer will complete a Fleetwood Repair Order. Upon completion of the repair, please sign the **Fleetwood Repair Order** and fill out the enclosed, self-addressed **Vehicle Information Update Card** and return it to Fleetwood.

If you have changed your address or sold the travel trailer, 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.

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 #51024, contact Fleetwood Owner Relations at 800-445-3307.

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

Fleetwood Owner Relations - Recall #51024
P.O. Box 59933
Riverside, California 92517
(800) 445-3307

If you believe that the dealer and Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., have failed or have been unable to remedy the defect 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 Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236
(TTY: 1-800-424-9153)
or go to
<http://www.safercar.gov>

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.

Jacy Young
Service Coordinator
Travel Trailer Division

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Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.
2000 Alpine Street, Longview, TX 75601-1000
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21800 152nd Street, La Grande, OR 97030-1000

IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION #51024

November, 2005

To: **ALL FLEETWOOD DEALER PRINCIPALS,
SERVICE MANAGERS,
AND PARTS MANAGERS**

SUBJECT: **RECALL CAMPAIGN #51024**
Travel Trailer Incorrect Load Range Tires

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc., on behalf of its subsidiary manufacturing centers located in La Grande, Oregon; Hancock, Maryland and Longview, Texas 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 2004 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry travel trailers fail to comply with the requirements of Part 567, "Certification". These travel trailers were manufactured at our La Grande, Oregon; Hancock, Maryland and Longview, Texas manufacturing plants from November 19, 2002 through February 4, 2003.

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 decided that certain 2004 model year Prowler, Wilderness and Terry 250RK model travel trailers specified the incorrect load range tire. These travel trailers may have load range "B" tires installed. The correct tire is a load range "C". The load range "B" tires do not have enough capacity to carry the maximum load the travel trailer is designed for. A fully loaded travel trailer will overload the tires, which could lead to tire failure, loss of vehicle control, and could result in a crash.

To correct this non-compliance, it is necessary to inspect and replace tires as described in the enclosed Recall Service Bulletin #51024.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

Please check your travel trailer inventory and perform the repair procedure on affected units as outlined on the attached service bulletin #51024. It is imperative that this procedure be completed prior to the sale of the affect units so your customers will not be inconvenienced.

Owners of the above mentioned travel trailers have been asked to contact their Fleetwood dealer to have the described non-compliance remedied. 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 #51024 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 Service Bulletin #51024. Customers will not be charged for these repairs.

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

**FLEETWOOD OWNER RELATIONS - RECALL #51024
800-455-3307**

If you have one of these vehicles in your inventory, you will be mailed a Safety Recall Notice for that specific travel trailer. 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.

Jacy Young
Service Coordinator
Travel Trailer Division

Enclosures: Recall Service Bulletin 51024
Recall Customer Letter

Recall Bulletin 51024



**RECALL
BULLETIN:**
51024

**YEAR(S)
AFFECTED:**
2004

**PRODUCT(S)
AFFECTED:**
Prowler, Terry,
Wilderness
with Serial
Numbers Listed
in this Bulletin

**MODEL(S)
AFFECTED:**
250 RK

SUBJECT:
Replacing "LOAD
RANGE B" Tires
on Affected
Conventional
Travel Trailers

KEYWORDS:
Tires,
Capacity,
Load Range

ISSUE DATE:
November, 2005

The purpose of this Bulletin is to inform all Fleetwood dealers about the need to inspect, and if necessary replace, "LOAD RANGE B" tires with "LOAD RANGE C" tires on conventional travel trailers with serial numbers listed in this Bulletin.

CONDITION:

Certain conventional travel trailers were manufactured with one or more "LOAD RANGE B" tires.

NOTE: This issue concerns only the specification of the Load Range of the tires relative to the weight of the travel trailer; it does not concern tire supplier quality.

INSPECTION:

⚠ WARNING

BEFORE BEGINNING THE PROCEDURE, PARK ON A HARD, LEVEL SURFACE AND CHOCK THE WHEELS TO PREVENT THE TRAVEL TRAILER FROM MOVING.

1. Inspect each affected travel trailer tire, including spare tires, to identify the tire load range. The tire load range is molded into each tire on both tire sidewalls.

NOTE: If the load range marking has been scuffed or abraded from the outer tire sidewall, look at the inner tire sidewall under the travel trailer to locate the load range marking.

See Figures 1 and 2.

2. Tires labeled "LOAD RANGE B" must be replaced with new tires labeled "LOAD RANGE C".

NOTE: The full 12-digit Goodyear serial number from all replaced "LOAD RANGE B" tires must be cut out and returned to Fleetwood along with the Warranty Repair Claim. Affected tires will contain "T20R" in the fifth through the eighth characters of the serial number.

DO NOT REPLACE TIRES MARKED "LOAD RANGE C".



Figure 1

Replace tires marked "LOAD RANGE B" with "LOAD RANGE C" tires.

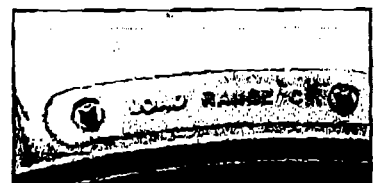


Figure 2

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Fleetwood Ltr. Division, Ltd. of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 requires that, if you have received a notice of recall or defect to comply from Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defect or defect condition in your inventory, according to the instruction, before selling or leasing the vehicle. Any vehicle sold or leased after this recall notice must forward a copy of the notice to the dealer within 30 days.

It is imperative to know, measure and follow the service times of all components used in which service might be done or of the possible hazardous consequences of each step. Accordingly, repairs will be done in a service procedure or tool must be used and the proper safety (a) vehicle safety will be prepared by the selected service method.

TIRE REPLACEMENT:



WARNING

RAISE ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE TRAVEL TRAILER AT A TIME.

3. Place a floor jack of sufficient capacity under the spring tie plate below one of the axles. Raise the axle until the tire just clears the ground. Position a jack stand of sufficient capacity under the axle as close to the spring tie plate as possible.
4. Remove the wheel with a tire labeled "LOAD RANGE B".
5. Remove the tire from the wheel.
6. Cut out the **full** 12-digit Goodyear tire serial number following the marking "DOT" and retain. The complete 12-digit number may be located only on one side of the tire. **The serial number must be returned to Fleetwood along with the Warranty Repair Claim.** Affected tires will contain "T20R" in the fifth through the eighth characters of the serial number. See Figure 3.



Figure 3
Example of 12-digit serial number

NOTE: Contact Fleetwood's Dealer Technical Support for instructions and authorization if the tires on the travel trailer have been previously replaced with "LOAD RANGE B" tires from a supplier other than Goodyear.

7. Remove the original tire valve stem from the wheel.
 8. Install a new valve stem (#456237).
 9. Mount the new "LOAD RANGE C" tire (#027200) to the wheel.
 10. Inflate the new tire to 50 pounds per square inch (psi).
 11. Reinstall the wheel, with the new tire, on the travel trailer. Follow the Wheel Lug Nut Torque Specifications and Lug Tightening Sequence listed on page 3 of this Bulletin.
 12. Lower the travel trailer to the ground and remove the jack.
 13. Repeat Steps 3-12 for all "LOAD RANGE B" tires on the conventional travel trailer.
- NOTE:** If the travel trailer is equipped with a "LOAD RANGE B" spare tire, replace the spare tire with a new "LOAD RANGE C" tire.
14. Advise the customer to check the wheel lug nut torque at 10, 25, and 50 miles of initial road use.

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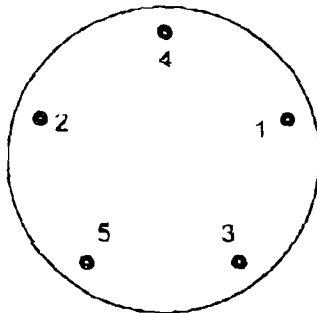
Fleetwood Ltd. (hereinafter "Fleetwood") warrants that the information contained herein is true and correct. If you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply with Fleetwood or any component manufacturer, you must repair or otherwise correct the defect on vehicles remaining in your inventory, according to the instructions, before selling or leasing the vehicles. Any vehicle dealer receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of the notice to the nearest Fleetwood office.

It is imperative to know, evaluate and advise the service trade of all recallable ways in which service might be done or of the possible hazardous consequences of each way. Accordingly, anyone who issues a service procedure or tool must first assure that neither personal safety nor vehicle safety will be jeopardized by the indicated service methods.

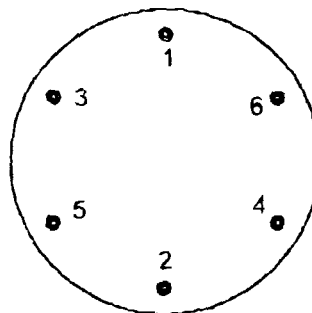
WHEEL LUG NUT TORQUE SPECIFICATIONS

WHEELS	SIZE	RECOMMENDED TORQUE
STEEL WHEEL-SPOKE 13X4.5X545 AW	13	80 - 90 FT/LBS
STEEL WHEEL-SPOKE 14X5.5X545 AW	14	80 - 90 FT/LBS
STEEL WHEEL SPOKE 15X5X545 AW	15	80 - 90 FT/LBS
STEEL WHEEL-SPOKE 15X6X655 AW	15	90 - 100 FT/LBS
STEEL WHEEL-SPOKE 16X6X655 AW	16	90 - 110 FT/LBS
CHROME WHEEL - 15X6X545	15	85 - 95 FT/LBS
CHROME WHEEL - 15X6X655	15	85 - 95 FT/LBS
CHROME WHEEL - 16X6X655	16	85 - 95 FT/LBS
CHROME WHEEL - 16X6X865	16	105 - 115 FT/LBS

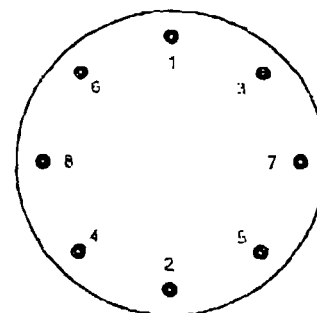
LUG TIGHTENING SEQUENCE



FIVE LUG WHEEL



SIX LUG WHEEL



EIGHT LUG WHEEL

MOUNTING THE WHEEL

Place the wheel on the wheel mounting surface. Replace the wheel lug nuts with the rounded end of the lug nut toward the wheel. Tighten each nut by hand until the wheel is held against the wheel mounting surface. Lower the tire to the ground. Tighten the lug nuts to an initial 60 ft.-lbs. and then to the final torque specification. Follow the appropriate sequence for tightening the lug nuts.

⚠ WARNING

IF NOT PROPERLY TIGHTENED, LOOSE LUG NUTS CAN DAMAGE THE STUD AND/OR WHEEL. IF DRIVEN IN THIS CONDITION FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD, SEVERE WHEEL DAMAGE COULD OCCUR AFFECTING THE HANDLING OF THE TRAVEL TRAILER.

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Federal Law (Section 103 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966) requires that, if you have received a notice of recall or failure in compliance with 49 CFR 301.10, you must repair or otherwise remedy the defect or condition described in your warranty, according to the instructions, before selling or leasing the vehicle. Any vehicle dealer receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the nearest within ten days.

It is impossible to know, exclude and remove the service trade of all concerned ways in which persons might be aware of the possible hazardous consequences of each way. Accordingly, persons who were a service procedure or tool must first insure that review personal safety and vehicle safety can be repaired and by the defective service members.

PARTS:

Per travel trailer tire replaced:

<u>Part Number</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Qty.</u>
027200	Tire, ST205/75R 15 C BSL	1
456237	Valve Stem for Standard Wheel	1

TOOLS:

	<u>Qty.</u>
Air Impact Wrench with 13/16" Impact Socket	1
Torque Wrench with 13/16" Deep Socket	1
Floor Jack	1
Jack Stand	1
Tire Changer	1
Tire Inflation Air Gauge with 50 psi capacity	1
Air hose with Air Chuck	1
Utility Knife	1

WARRANTY LABOR ALLOWANCE:

NOTE: Cut out the 12-digit serial number (following "DOT" marking) from each replaced Grade B Tire and return with the Warranty Repair Claim.

Use Flat Rate Code:

9163-11 Inspected/No Problem Found	0.2 hr.
9163-12 Inspected/Defective/Replaced	0.5 Hr. First Tire + 0.3 Hrs. Each Addl. Tire
9163-13 Inspected/Defective/Owner Decline	0.2 hr.
9163-14 Inspected/Defective/Missing Parts	0.2 hr.
9163-15 Inspected/Defective/Need Tools	0.2 hr.
9163-16 Unable to Notify Customer	0.2 hr.
9163-17 Customer Unreachable	0.2 hr.

If you have any questions concerning this bulletin, contact
Fleetwood's Travel Trailer Dealer Technical Assistance at:
1-800-617-6447

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Notice: Under Section 134 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, it is required that if you have received a notice of recall or failure to comply with (thereof) or any corrective measures, you must repair or otherwise correct the defects on vehicles remaining in your ownership, according to the instructions, within making or having the vehicles. Any vehicle dealer receiving this recall notice must provide a copy of the notice to the owner within ten days.

It is imperative to know, understand and follow the service limits of all corrective plans. In which, service might be done or if the procedure requires consequences of such work. Accordingly, anyone who uses a service procedure or that must first, ensure that neither person's liability nor vehicle safety will be compromised by the potential service methods.

AFFECTED TRAVEL TRAILERS - RECALL 51024

Prowler

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 1EC1R252342480023
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Terry

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Wilderness

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Federal Law (Section 1261 of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966) requires that, if you have received a notice of recall or defect in compliance from a manufacturer 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 owner receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the dealer within 90 days.

"It is impossible to foresee, evaluate and adjust the service trade of all conceivable ways in which service might be done or of the possible hazardous consequences of each step. Accordingly, anyone who uses a service procedure is and must first ensure that neither personal safety nor vehicle safety will be jeopardized by the selected service methods."