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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

May 15, 2008

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PRODUCT COMPLIANCE MANAGER
WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES
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NVS-215dgl
08V-216

Subject: CRANKSHAFT SENSOR/SPRINTER

Dear MR. POST:

This letter serves to acknowledge Winnebago Industries, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/NAVION/2008
WINNEBAGO/ERA/2009
WINNEBAGO/VIEW/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-216

Mfg's Report Date: May 14, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 114

Summary:

WINNEBAGO IS RECALLING 114 MY 2008 VIEW, MY 2009 ERA, AND MY 2008 ITASCA NAVION CLASS C MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON SPRINTER CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH 3.0L DIESEL ENGINES. THE CRANKSHAFT SENSOR IN CERTAIN DIESEL ENGINES COULD FAIL DUE TO SEPARATION OF BOND WIRES FROM THE LEAD FRAME IN THE SENSOR.

Consequence:

THIS RESULTS IN AN INTERRUPTION IN THE ELECTRICAL CONNECTION IN THE CHIP HOUSING OF THE SENSOR. WHEN THIS HAPPENS, AFFECTED VEHICLES MAY LOSE POWER. THIS COULD RESULT IN THE VEHICLE BECOMING IMMEDIATELY INOPERABLE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

SPRINTER IS HANDLING THE REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN (PLEASE SEE 07V594). DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE CRANKSHAFT SENSOR FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT SPRINTER AT 1-800-992-1997 OR WINNEBAGO AT 1-641-585-3535.

Notes:

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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Federal law requires that the vehicle manufacturer notify owners, dealers and distributors about the defect and offer a free remedy as well as other things. Also, manufacturers are required to submit a draft of their owner notification letter to the Recall Management Division at least 5 days prior to mailing it to owners, and to submit a representative copy of any communication about the recall that is sent to more than one owner, dealer or distributor within 5 days of mailing it. The owner notification must be mailed to current registered owners using State motor vehicle registration records, or, if State registration records fail to yield a usable address, to the most recent owner known to the manufacturer. The vehicle manufacturers must notify their dealers even though they may not be involved in this recall, since owners may contact them for information.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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 required 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 your report, Sprinter will be handling the remedy and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Sprinter's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace for".

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