



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-681

SUBJECT: PART 567/CERTIFICATION LABEL

DEAR MR. POST:

This letter serves to acknowledge company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Part 567, "Certification," 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/SUNSTAR/2009
ITASCA/SUNOVA/2009
WINNEBAGO/SIGHTSEER/2009
WINNEBAGO/VISTA/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-681

Mfg's Report Date: December 11, 2008

Components: EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 36

Summary:

WINNEBAGO IS RECALLING 36 MY 2009 VISTA, SIGHTSEER, AND ITASCA SUNSTAR AND SUNOVA MOTOR HOMES FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 567, 'CERTIFICATION.' THESE VEHICLES WERE PRODUCED WITH A VEHICLE CERTIFICATION LABEL THAT STATES LOAD RANGE 'G' TIRES WHEN IN FACT THE VEHICLES ARE EQUIPPED WITH LOAD RANGE 'F' TIRES.

Consequence:

THE PURPOSE OF THIS PART IS TO SPECIFY THE CONTENT AND LOCATION OF, AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR, THE CERTIFICATION LABEL TO BE AFFIXED TO MOTOR VEHICLES TO ADDRESS CERTIFICATION-RELATED DUTIES AND LIABILITIES, AND TO PROVIDE THE CONSUMER WITH INFORMATION TO ASSIST HIM OR HER IN DETERMINING WHICH OF THE FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARDS ARE APPLICABLE TO THE VEHICLE.

Remedy:

WINNEBAGO WILL PROVIDE CORRECT FEDERAL CERTIFICATION LABELS AS WELL AS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS TO THE MOTOR HOME OWNERS. IF AN OWNER DESIRES, THEY CAN HAVE THEIR DEALER REPLACE THE TAGS FOR THEM. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 2, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WINNEBAGO AT 1-641-585-6939.

Notes:

WINNEBAGO RECALL NO. 111. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not quite meet the requirements of Part 577. Please remove the statement "NOTE: This is not a safety issue." This statement implies that the noncompliance **may not exist** on any of the vehicles and is considered to be a disclaimer specifically prohibited by Part 577.8(a).

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

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 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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 black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a stylized, cursive script.

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