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George H. Person  
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: Recall of Recreational Vehicles Manufactured with Freightliner Custom Chassis Equipped with Certain SAF Holland Suspensions

Dear Mr. Person:

Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc. has been notified by Daimler Trucks North America LLC that certain Freightliner Custom Chassis equipped with certain SAF Holland Suspensions supplied to Fleetwood may contain a safety-related defect. On the basis of information supplied by Daimler Trucks North America LLC, Fleetwood is submitting this report in accordance with 49 C.F.R. Part 573.

**Products Affected**

This recall involves Freightliner Custom Chassis equipped with SAF Holland Suspensions manufactured by Daimler Trucks North America LLC:

Nasser Zamani  
Daimler Trucks North American LLC  
4747 N. Channel Ave.  
Portland, Oregon 97217-7699  
Telephone: 503-745-6910  
Fax: 503-745-5544

According to Daimler Trucks North America LLC, this recall involves certain Freightliner Custom Chassis XC Motor Home Chassis equipped with certain SAF Holland Suspensions, manufactured July 1, 2007 through October 9, 2007 with a defect in the transverse beam weld.

According to Fleetwood's records, the following vehicles were manufactured with the subject Freightliner Custom XC Motor Home Chassis:

**Model Year**

This information is being researched

**Product**

Bounder  
Discovery  
Providence  
Excursion  
Expedition  
Revolution

**Manufacture Dates**

This information is being researched

**Model Year****Product****Manufacture Dates**

American Eagle  
American Heritage  
American Tradition

Approximately (this information is being researched) Fleetwood motor homes manufactured with Freightliner Custom Chassis XC Motor Home Chassis are affected. Daimler Trucks North American LLC estimates that approximately 6% of the subject Freightliner Custom Chassis XC Motor Home Chassis may actually contain the defect. Fleetwood cannot estimate the number of vehicles that are likewise affected, but believes the percentage is approximately the same.

**Description of Defect**

The transverse beam weld may be improperly located on SAF Holland ADL and ADLSD suspensions allowing the transverse beam to separate from the suspension casting. If the transverse beam becomes separated from the casting, vehicle stability while cornering could be affected resulting in a loss of vehicle control.

**Chronological Summary of Events**

On or about July 1, 2008, Fleetwood received a letter from Daimler Trucks North America LLC advising Fleetwood of its determination that the subject Freightliner Custom Chassis contain a safety-related defect, and describing Daimler Trucks North America LLC program for remedying the defective products. On the basis of Daimler Trucks North America LLC determination, Fleetwood decided to submit this defect notice in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573.

**Program for Remedying the Defect**

Daimler Trucks North America LLC has arranged to conduct a recall to remedy the potential defect in Fleetwood's vehicles at no charge to vehicle owners. Please refer to Recall No. FL530 for details regarding Daimler Trucks North America LLC recall campaign and proposed remedy. Fleetwood will provide Daimler Trucks North America LLC representative with owner information for purposes of notification. Pursuant to 49 CFR 573.6(c)(8)(i) and 573.13, owners will be advised that Daimler Trucks North America LLC will reimburse them if they have incurred costs to obtain a remedy prior to their receipt of the notification.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Craig Biazo, Director  
Travel Trailer Service

cc: Nasser Zamani  
Daimler Trucks North America LLC

Chuck James, Director  
Motor Home Service  
Fleetwood Enterprises, Inc.



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Amended to Include Product Data

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2008	BounderDiesel	July 31, 2007 through January 16, 2008
2008	Discovery	July 31, 2007 through January 16, 2008
2008	Providence	July 31, 2007 through January 16, 2008
2008	Excursion	July 31, 2007 through January 16, 2008
2008	Expedition	July 31, 2007 through January 16, 2008

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