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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.
400 - 7th Street S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Winnebago Industries, Inc. submits the following report pursuant to Part 573 of the NHTSA regulations. The numbered paragraphs below correspond to those found at Part 573.6(c).

1. Winnebago Industries, Inc.
605 W. Crystal Lake Road
Forest City, IA 50436
2. The motor vehicles potentially containing the noncompliance are certain 2006 through 2011 model year Winnebago View[®] and Itasca Navion[®] motor homes. Information regarding the manufacturing dates is being compiled and will be provided in forthcoming correspondence.
3. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the noncompliance is currently being researched and will be provided in forthcoming correspondence.
4. It is unknown at this time what percent of the vehicles may contain the noncompliance.
5. Winnebago Industries, Inc. has decided a noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 210 exists with the dinette area seat belts. In a collision, stress can cause the attachment to tear and allow the anchor to separate from the body of the vehicle. The safety belt may not protect an occupant in the event of a vehicle crash.
6. N/A.
7. Winnebago Industries, Inc. discovered this noncompliance as a result of compliance testing. When a normal production assembly arrived for testing in August 2010, it did not represent the design intended for production. Evaluation shows that the testing prior to original design and production confirmed that using two separate anchorage bolts (one for each half of a seat belt) in the floor design met FMVSS 210 requirements. However, we have found that the final design has two seat belt assemblies placed side by side using three anchorage bolts rather than four. In this case, the center of the three anchorage bolts accepts one-half of each belt assembly. This method of attachment will not consistently meet FMVSS 210 criteria
8. Winnebago Industries, Inc. is in the process of determining a remedy and will advise as developed.

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9. The dealer letter will be drafted and provided in forthcoming correspondence.
10. The owner letter will be drafted and provided in forthcoming correspondence.
11. The recall documents will carry the Winnebago Industries, Inc. Number 118.

Additional information will be forthcoming. Should you have questions, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ronald W. Post". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ronald W. Post
Product Compliance Manager

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Enclosure