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Ms. Kathleen C. DeMeter, Director
Office of Defects
U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.
1200 New Jersey Avenue S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

RE: Norcold® 1200-Series Refrigerators
NHTSA Recall: 10E-049

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 defect are certain model year 1996 through 2011 ~~Hasea~~® Models Sunstar®, Sunova®, Sunrise®, Sunflyer®, Suncruiser®, Meridian®, Horizon®, Ellipse®, and Winnebago® Models Vista®, Sightseer®, Brave®, Chieftain®, Adventurer®, Journey®, Journey® DL, Vectra®, Vectra Grand Tour, Tour®, Luxor®, Ultimate Advantage®, and Ultimate Freedom®. These motor homes were manufactured from March 1997 through October 2010. The vehicles were identified using production records showing models and VINs.
3. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defect is 18,461.
4. The percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect is 100 percent.
5. Winnebago Industries, Inc. has learned that Norcold is recalling certain 1200-Series Norcold refrigerators and that such notice has been provided by Norcold to NHTSA and that NHTSA has assigned Recall Number 10E-049 to this matter. Winnebago Industries, Inc. purchased and installed 1200-Series refrigerators into motor homes. The population of refrigerators being addressed contains either a sensing algorithm or thermal switch to shut off power to the refrigerator when high temperatures are detected in order to prevent a potential fire. Norcold has decided the response times of the sensor algorithm and thermal switch devices to stop power are not sufficient. An insufficient response time can result in power not being shutoff in sufficient time to prevent a fire which has the potential to ignite, resulting in personal injury and/or vehicle and property damage.
6. Winnebago Industries, Inc. discovered this defect when contacted by Norcold in October 2010.
7. N/A.
8. Winnebago Industries, Inc. will assist Norcold to correct the situation by sending them printed owner letters, dealer letters, and envelopes. Norcold will mail the letters and conduct the recall.

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9. Enclosed is a copy of the dealer letter in draft form.
10. Enclosed is a copy of the customer letter in draft form.
11. NHTSA has assigned Campaign Number 10E-049 to this recall.

Should you have questions regarding this information, 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