



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

October 31, 2011

MR. DALE JORDAL  
PRODUCT SAFETY ADMINISTRATOR  
WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES  
P.O. BOX 152 605 WEST CRYSTAL LAKE ROAD  
FOREST CITY, IOWA 50436

NVS-215dgl  
11V-520

**SUBJECT: V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY/CUMMINS**

**DEAR MR. JORDAL :**

This letter serves to acknowledge Winnebago Industries' (Winnebago) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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:**

WINNEBAGO/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE/2011  
WINNEBAGO/ELLIPSE/2011  
WINNEBAGO/JOURNEY/2011  
WINNEBAGO/MERIDIAN/2011  
WINNEBAGO/TOUR/2011

**Mfg's Report Date:** October 19, 2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-520

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 237

**Summary:**

WINNEBAGO IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 JOURNEY, MERIDIAN, TOUR, ELLIPSE MOTOR HOMES AND WINNEBAGO COMMERCIAL VEHICLES BUILT ON MC, XCL, AND XCS CHASSIS FROM SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2010, AND EQUIPPED WITH A CUMMINS ISX OR ISL DIESEL ENGINE. THE V-BAND CLAMP ASSEMBLY, PART NUMBERS Q187684, Q187685, AND Q187686, USED TO CONNECT THE INLET AND OUTLET CONE SECTIONS TO THE DIESEL OXIDATION CATALYST (DOC)/DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER (DPF) INCLUDE A T-BOLT WHICH CAN FRACTURE AND FAIL WHEN SUBJECTED TO STRESS OR LOAD. A FRACTURE OR FAILURE OF THE T-BOLT MAY CAUSE THE CLAMP TO LOOSEN AND THE INLET OR OUTLET SECTIONS ATTACHED TO THE DOC/DPF HOUSING TO DISCONNECT.

**Consequence:**

IF THE INLET OR OUTLET SECTIONS DISCONNECT, HOT EXHAUST GASES CAN VENT PRIOR TO EXITING THE TAILPIPE, CREATING THE RISK OF COMBUSTION AND A FIRE. IF BOTH CLAMPS FAIL, THERE IS A RISK IN SOME APPLICATIONS THAT THE DOC/DPF HOUSING MAY DETACH COMPLETELY, CREATING A ROAD HAZARD.

**Remedy:**

WINNEBAGO IS WORKING WITH DAIMLER TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA (THE SUPPLIER OF THE CHASSIS) AND CUMMINS TO IDENTIFY AND NOTIFY OWNERS OF THE RECALL CAMPAIGN. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A REMEDY PLAN FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. THE SAFETY RECALL BEGAN OCTOBER 10, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT CUMMINS AT 1-812-377-5000.

**Notes:**

CUMMINS' RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS C1154. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

As stated in your report, Cummins will be handling the owner notification, 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 Cummins's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end of the last name.

Ric Willard  
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement