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Ms. Kathy DeMeter, Director  
Office of Defects Investigation  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.  
400 - 7<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Winnebago Industries<sup>®</sup> submits the following report pursuant to Part 573 of the NHTSA regulations. The numbered paragraphs below correspond to those found at Part 573.5(c).

1. Winnebago Industries, Inc.  
P.O. Box 152  
Forest City, IA 50436
2. The motor vehicles potentially containing the defective component are: Certain 2012 Winnebago<sup>®</sup> model Era motor homes. These motor homes were built July 25, 2011 through August 4, 2011. The vehicles are being identified using the model number and production records showing VINs.
3. The total number of vehicles potentially containing the defective component is: 3.
4. The percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect is unknown.
5. The defect involves the rear springs. The spring supplier rolled the spring eye out of tolerance on a limited number of parts in its production. In order to correct the diameter of the spring eye, the supplier pressed these springs under cold conditions. As a result, this may have caused hydrogen embrittlement within the material which could potentially lead to a crack of the spring eye over time, which could lead to an increased risk of a vehicle crash.
6. Winnebago Industries discovered the defect as a result of a November 7, 2011 e-mail from David Smith of MBUSA Engineering Services reference: Daimler AG recall # 2011100006.
7. N/A.
8. Winnebago has provided Daimler AG a current list of owners and will continue to assist them to correct the situation. Daimler AG will be conducting the recall.
9. N/A.
10. N/A.
11. N/A.

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Should you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Dale Jordal".

Dale Jordal  
Product Safety Administrator

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Enclosure