



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

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NVS-215kjs
12V-278

SUBJECT: HYDRAULIC BRAKE CALIPER

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:

ITASCA/SUNCRUISER/2009
WINNEBAGO/ADVENTURER/2009-2010
WINNEBAGO/J38S/2009-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-278

Mfr's Report Date: June 14, 2012

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 63

Summary:

WINNEBAGO INDUSTRIES (WINNEBAGO) IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2012 WINNEBAGO COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MODEL J38S, MODEL YEAR 2009 AND 2010 ADVENTURER MOTORHOMES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 30, 2008, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2011, AND ONE 2009 ITASCA SUNCRUISER MOTORHOME BUILT NOVEMBER 2009. THESE MOTORHOMES CHASSIS ARE EQUIPPED WITH BOSCH HYDRAULIC DISC BRAKES WHICH WHEN EXPOSED TO LONG PERIODS OF TIME OF NON-DRIVING MAY EXPERIENCE DIAMETRICAL BRAKE CALIPER PISTON

GROWTH AND REDUCED PISTON TO BORE CLEARANCE POTENTIALLY LEADING TO BRAKE DRAG AND OVERHEATING RESULTING IN REDUCED BRAKE PERFORMANCE.

Consequence:

REDUCED BRAKE PERFORMANCE INCREASES THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

FREIGHTLINER CUSTOM CHASSIS (FCCC) WILL NOTIFY OWNERS, AND DEALERS WILL REPAIR THE VEHICLES, FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE AGENCY WITH A REMEDY OR OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT WINNEBAGO AT 1-641-585-3535 OR DAIMLER TRUCKS AT 1-800-547-0712.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

Please provide the following additional information:

Please provide the remedy plan for this recall.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when notifications will be sent to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-5227, or by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement