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Ms. Nancy Lewis, Assoc Adm. for Enforcement  
Office of Defects  
U.S. Department of Transportation  
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.  
400 - 7<sup>th</sup> Street S.W.  
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Ms. Lewis:

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: a 2013 Winnebago<sup>®</sup> Vista VIN 1F65F5DY4D0 built August 23, 2012, and a 2013 Itasca Suncruiser built August 28, 2012. 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: 2.
4. The percentage of vehicles estimated to contain the defect is 100%.
5. The defect involves the steering gear bracket, which may have been secured with nuts that may damage the bolts due to an incompatibility between the installation torque and the nut finish. This condition could result in fatigue fracture of the bolt and increase the risk of a crash.
6. Winnebago Industries discovered the defect as a result of a Ford recall notice 12S38 received September 11, 2012.
7. N/A.
8. Winnebago Industries discovered that representatives from Ford were at Winnebago Industries on September 6, 2012 and had already preformed the recall work prior to the official recall announcement on the two vehicles involved. The completed recall work was verified by Ford in a September 12, 2012 email from Jonathan Kurtz to Ron Post.
9. N/A.
10. N/A.
11. N/A.

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

Sincerely,

Dale Jordal  
Product Safety Administrator

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