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May 30, 2013

Mr. Daniel C. Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Ave, SE
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Safety Defect Report [Amendment](#)

Dear Mr. Smith:

On May 17, 2013, Fleetwood RV, Inc., determined that a safety defect which relates to motor home vehicle safety exists in certain motor homes as listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

The following is the information required by 49 CFR Part 573:

- This report was prepared on May 20, 2013
 - Fleetwood RV has assigned 130517FRV as an identification code to this recall.
- (1) The affected motor homes were manufactured by the following wholly owned subsidiaries of Fleetwood RV, Inc.

Fleetwood RV, Inc. #44
1031 U.S. 224 E
Decatur, Indiana 46733

The agency should contact the following individual with respect to this recall:

Craig Biazio
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- (2) The vehicles involved in the recall are certain model year 2014, American Revolution, Bounder, Discovery, Expedition, and Southwind.

Product	Serial Numbers	Manufactured Dates
2014 American Revolution	781TE4413304 through 781GE4413835	3/29/2013 through 5/8/2013
2014 Bounder	739CE4413531 through 739KE4414011	3/21/2013 through 5/13/2013
2014 Discovery	770EE4413832 through 770XE4414148	4/19/2013 through 5/14/2013
2014 Expedition	730BE4413396 through 730SE4414154	3/20/2013 through 5/15/2013
2014 Southwind	721VE4413555 through 721VE4414010	4/12/2013 through 5/10/2013

- (3) Fleetwood RV reports [184](#) as the number of model year 2014, American Revolution, Bounder, Discovery, Expedition, and Southwind, with the safety defect.
- (4) Fleetwood RV estimates that 100% of the affected model year 2014, American Revolution, Bounder, Discovery, Expedition, and Southwind, contain the safety defect.

(5) On motor homes affected by this recall, fasteners that attach a 20 watt solar panel to the shroud of the roof air conditioner may become loose during normal use. A loose solar panel has the potential to separate from the vehicle during travel posing a risk of property damage, personal injury or a road hazard that could result in a crash.

(6) Fleetwood RV began an investigation on May 1, 2013, when a loose solar panel was reported by a Fleetwood RV Dealership.

Fleetwood RV is not aware of any accidents or injuries which have resulted from this safety defect.

(7) Not applicable.

(8) Fleetwood RV dealers will use new locking nuts to secure the solar panel to its mounting bracket and new machine screws coated with "thread lock" adhesive to secure the mounting bracket to the air conditioner shroud. Repairs will be at no charge to owners.

Pursuant to 49 CFR 577.11(e) Fleetwood RV does not plan to provide reimbursement notification to owners because all involved vehicles are covered under the new vehicle warranty.

(9) Fleetwood RV intends to conduct a dealer notification by e-mail in May 2013.

Fleetwood RV intends to conduct a customer notification in May 2013.

Fleetwood RV does not foresee any problems with implementing this voluntary recall campaign.

(10) Copies of subsequent correspondence will be submitted to the NHTSA within five (5) working days of distribution. This correspondence will include:

- I) Letter of dealer notification
- II) Letter of customer notification
- III) Service Bulletin

A draft of these documents will be forthcoming for your review. If additional information is required, please contact Joyce Geels who can be reached by phone at (260) 724-5795 or by e-mail at joyce.geels@fleetwoodrv.com.

Sincerely,



Craig S. Biazo
National Warranty Manager