



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Ronald Post  
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NVS-215KS  
14V-179

**Subject:** Brake Fluid Leakage From Brake Hose

Dear Mr. Post:

This letter serves to acknowledge Winnebago Industries, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/ITASCA VIVA/2014  
WINNEBAGO/TRAVATO/2014-2015  
WINNEBAGO/TREND/2014

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 8, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-179

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:FOUNDATION COMPONENTS:HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 107

**Problem Description:**

Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) is recalling certain 2014-2015 Travato, 2014 Trend and Itasca Viva! motorhomes manufactured November 13, 2013, through April 3, 2014 on Ram ProMaster chassis. During the manufacturing of the chassis, a tool may have damaged one of the brake hoses which may result in a leakage of brake fluid from the brake hose.

**Consequence:**

Brake fluid leakage would result in a reduction of brake performance, lengthening the distance needed to stop the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Chrysler (Ram) has notified owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the brake hoses, as necessary, free of charge. The recall began on March 26, 2014. Owners may contact Winnebago at 1-800-537-1885 or Chrysler at 1-800-853-1403.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

We understand that Chrysler will be handling the quarterly reporting for this campaign. Please be reminded that as the vehicle manufacturer, Winnebago is ultimately responsible for conducting an adequate safety recall campaign of its vehicles. Accordingly, if this safety recall campaign is not successful, the agency may require Winnebago to conduct a follow-up notification and conduct additional quarterly reporting.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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