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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215MR
15V-664

Subject: Transmission can Shift Without Pressing Brake

Dear Mr. Olson:

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:

ITASCA/SUNCRUISER/2015-2016
ITASCA/SUNOVA/2015-2016
ITASCA/SUNSTAR/2015-2016
ITASCA/TRIBUTE/2015-2016
WINNEBAGO/ADVENTURER/2015-2016
WINNEBAGO/BRAVE/2015-2016
WINNEBAGO/SIGHTSEER/2015-2016
WINNEBAGO/VISTA/2015-2016

Mfr's Report Date: October 13, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-664

Components:

POWER TRAIN:AUTOMATIC TRANSMISSION:LEVER AND LINKAGE:COLUMN SHIFT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 297

Problem Description:

Winnebago Industries, Inc (Winnebago) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Winnebago Brave, Sightseer, Vista and Adventurer motorhomes and Itasca Tribute, Sunova, Sunstar, and Suncruiser motorhomes manufactured from July 13, 2015, through October 6, 2015. The affected vehicles, built on Ford chassis, can be shifted out of 'PARK' without applying the brakes, due to an incorrect shift cable bracket and an improper shift cable adjustment.

Consequence:

If the vehicle can be shifted into reverse without the brakes being applied, the vehicle may unintentionally move, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Ford will notify owners, and Ford dealers will replace the transmission shift control bracket and adjust the transmission shift cable,

free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Winnebago customer service at 1-641-585-3535 or Ford customer service at 1-866-436-7332.

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.

Please update your Defect Information report to provide Winnebago's remedy plan, the schedule for owner notification and who will be doing the owner notification, vehicle repairs and quarterly reports.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall 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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

We understand that Ford 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 Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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