



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

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NVS-215KS  
15V-758

**Subject:** Water Heater May Scald Operator

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/MERIDIAN/2015  
ITASCA/SUNCRUISER/2015  
WINNEBAGO/ADVENTURER/2015-2016  
WINNEBAGO/JOURNEY/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** November 12, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-758

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG WATER HEATER

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 257

**Problem Description:**

Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Winnebago Journey and Adventurer motorhomes, and 2015 Itasca Meridian and Suncruiser motorhomes manufactured March 20, 2014, through November 6, 2015, and equipped with Atwood on demand water heaters, models OD45, OD50, and OD50CW. The affected water heaters have a water and gas valve that may cause the water heater to overheat the water in the hot water supply tap.

**Consequence:**

The overheating of the water may result in the release of steam, possibly causing the operator is to scald themselves and increasing the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Winnebago will notify owners. The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Winnebago customer service at 1-641-585-3535, or Atwood customer service at 1-574-264-2131.

**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 provide Winnebago's remedy plan once it has been determined.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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).

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners 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.

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.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement