



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

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Mr. Thomas Olson  
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NVS-215KS  
15V-866

**Subject:** Electric Steps may Extend while Driving

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/2014-2016  
ITASCA/SUNOVA/2014-2016  
ITASCA/SUNSTAR/2014-2016  
WINNEBAGO/ADVENTURER/2015-2016  
WINNEBAGO/SIGHTSEER/2015-2016  
WINNEBAGO/VISTA/2015-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 22, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-866

**Components:**

STRUCTURE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,253

**Problem Description:**

Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) is recalling certain model year 2015-2016 Winnebago Sightseer, Vista, and Adventurer motorhomes manufactured August 1, 2014 through August 31, 2015, and 2014-2016 Itasca Sunova, Sunstar, and Suncruiser motorhomes manufactured August 1, 2013, through August 15, 2015. The affected vehicles have electrically operated entry/exit steps that may extend down and out while the vehicle is moving.

**Consequence:**

If the steps extend while the vehicle is being driven, the steps may strike a person or another vehicle, increasing the risk of injury or a crash.

**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.

**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).

This recall was the subject of a preliminary evaluation, PE15-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

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).

Per the requirements of 573.6(c)(2)(iv), please provide the supplier name, contact information, address and country of origin (if known) for the component that is causing the steps to extend.

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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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement