



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

September 12, 2016

Mr. Steve Mary
Winnebago Industries, Inc
605 W Crystal Lake Rd.
Forest City, IA 50436

NEF-150MR
16V-598

Subject: Loose Electrical Connection may Overheat

Dear Mr. Mary:

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/CAMBRIA/2015-2017
ITASCA/SUNSTAR/2015-2017
WINNEBAGO/ASPECT/2015-2017
WINNEBAGO/ERA/2015-2017
WINNEBAGO/FUSE/2015-2017
WINNEBAGO/TRAVATO/2015-2017
WINNEBAGO/VISTA/2015-2017

Mfr's Report Date: August 11, 2016

NHTSA Campaign Number: 16V-598

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,826

Problem Description:

Winnebago Industries, Inc (Winnebago) is recalling certain model year 2015-2017 Itasca Cambria, 2015-2017 Winnebago ERA, Travato, Fuse, Aspect, and Vista recreational vehicles, and 2015-2017 Itasca Sunstar recreational vehicles manufactured May 6, 2014, to April 22, 2016. The affected vehicles may have a electrical connection to the automatic transfer switch (ATS) that may not be properly tightened.

Consequence:

A loose power connection may cause a build up of heat at the connection, increasing the risk of a fire.

Remedy:

Winnebago will notify owners, and dealers will tighten the electrical connection, replacing the ATS box and switch, as necessary. These repairs will be performed free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Winnebago customer service at 1-800-537-1885.

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.

We have received Winnebago's proposed owner notification letter and have approved it for distribution.

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).

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 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