

U.S. Department of Transportation

## National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

December 13, 2017

Mr. Steve Mary Winnebago Industries, Inc 605 W Crystal Lake Rd. Forest City, IA 50436 NEF-150MR 17V-782

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

Subject: Fire Extinguisher May Be Clogged or Inoperable

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/2013-2018

ITASCA/ELIPSE/2013-2018

ITASCA/HORIZON/2013-2018

ITASCA/MERIDIAN/2013-2018

ITASCA/NAVION/2013-2018

ITASCA/REYO/2013-2018

ITASCA/SOLEI/2013-2018

ITASCA/SPIRIT/2013-2018

ITASCA/SUNCRUISER/2013-2018

ITASCA/SUNOVA/2013-2018

ITASCA/SUNSTAR/2013-2018

ITASCA/TRIBUTE/2013-2018

ITASCA/VIA/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/ACCESS/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/ADVENTURER/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/ASPECT/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/BRAVE/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/CHALET/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/COMMERCIAL VEHICLE/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/ERA/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/FORZA/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/FUSE/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/INTENT/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/JOURNEY/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/MINNIE WINNIE/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/PASEO/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/REVEL/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/SIGHTSEER/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/TOUR/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/TRAVATO/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/TREND/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/VIEW/2013-2018

WINNEBAGO/VISTA/2013-2018

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 7, 2017

NHTSA Campaign Number: 17V-782

# **Components:**

**EQUIPMENT** 

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 17,360

### **Problem Description:**

Winnebago Industries, Inc. (Winnebago) is recalling certain 2013-2018 Winnebago Era, Travato, Minnie Winnie, Fuse, View, Trend, Aspect, Brave, Vista, Sightseer, Adventurer, Forza, Journey, Tour, Revel, Paseo, Chalet, Access, and Intent motorhomes and Commercial vehicles, and 2013-2018 Itasca Spirit, Navion, Cambria, Tribute, Sunstar, Sunova, Suncruiser, Solei, Meridian, Elipse, Horizon, Reyo, and Via motorhomes. These vehicles are equipped with Kidde Plastic-Handle or Push Button 'Pindicator' fire extinguishers that may become clogged, preventing the extinguisher from discharging as expected or excessive force may be needed to activate the extinguisher. Additionally, in certain models, the nozzle may detach from the valve assembly with enough force that it could cause injury and also render the product inoperable. For a full list of the affected fire extinguisher models visit: https://static.nhtsa.gov/odi/rcl/2017/RMISC-17E062-5427.pdf

### **Consequence:**

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not function properly, it can increase the risk of injury.



#### Remedy:

Winnebago will notify owners, instructing them to contact Kidde for replacement or aftermarket fire extinguishers, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Winnebago customer service at 1-641-585-3535, or Kidde customer service toll-free at 1-855-271-0773, or online at www.kidde.com and click on "Product Safety Recall" for more information.

#### 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 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).

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 you intend for Kidde to supply the required six quarterly recall completion rate reports.

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

