

May 19, 2023

Mr. Mick Friedt REV Recreation Group 1010 Commerce Drive Decatur, IN 46733

Subject: Tow Hitch May Separate

Dear Mr. Friedt:

This letter serves to acknowledge REV Recreation Group'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:

FLEETWOOD/BOUNDER/2020-2024 FLEETWOOD/SOUTHWIND/2020-2023 HOLIDAY RAMBLER/VACATIONER/2020-2024

Mfr's Report Date: May 18, 2023

NHTSA Campaign Number: 23V-351

**Components:** TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,186

## **Problem Description:**

REV Recreation Group (REV) is recalling certain 2020-2024 Fleetwood Bounder, Holiday Rambler Vacationer and 2020-2023 Fleetwood Southwind motorhomes. The tow hitch may become damaged due to stress or vehicle overloading, which can cause the tow vehicle to separate from the motorhome.

## **Consequence:**

A tow vehicle that separates from the motorhome can become a road hazard, increasing the risk of a crash.

## **Remedy:**

Dealers will inspect and replace the hitch, free of charge. Owner notification letters are expected to be mailed July 15, 2023. Owners may contact REV customer service at 1-800-509-3417. REV's number for this recall is 230516REV.

## 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.nhtsa.gov.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:



1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

> NEF-107KL 23V-351

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.

As stated in 49 U.S.C. § 30118(f), submission of eight consecutive quarterly reports followed by three annual reports is required. As described in 573.7, submission of the first of eight 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. The first of three consecutive annual status reports will be due on, or before, 1 year after the eighth quarterly report was submitted.

REV Recreation Group's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Alex Ansley Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigation Enforcement

