

## **RV Manufacturer Pledge Form**

This declaration is hereby made by the undersigned recreation vehicle manufacturer <u>as a condition of</u> <u>membership in the Recreation Vehicle Industry</u> <u>Association</u> ("RVIA"). It must be returned to the RVIA Membership Department, where it will be retained as a permanent part of the member's file.

The undersigned acknowledges that the current member commitments established by the Board of Directors for all RV manufacturers are as follows:

- The member must register as a vehicle manufacturer, final stage manufacturer or alterer (see 49 CFR, Part 566) with the U.S. Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA");
- The member pledges to manufacture recreation vehicles in conformance with the standards and program requirements adopted by the RVIA Board of Directors including, but not limited to, the NFPA 1192 Standard on Recreational Vehicles;
- The member pledges to abide by the Bylaws of RVIA, which provide in part for a dismissal process should a member break its membership pledge;
- The member acknowledges that the RVIA Bylaws (see Article III) defines recreation vehicle as, "primarily designed as temporary living quarters for non- commercial, recreational and/or camping use;"
- The member must identify to RVIA a designated company representative who is responsible for the member's compliance with the adopted standards and program requirements;
- The member is subject to unannounced audits of its manufacturing facilities, at the discretion of RVIA, to audit the member's pledge to comply with the standards and program requirements adopted by the RVIA Board of Directors. If the member fails or refuses to maintain its membership pledge it will be subject to unannounced audits at an increased frequency and agrees to pay RVIA an increased audit frequency fee as established by the RVIA Standards Steering Committee ("SSC") to offset the additional audit costs;
- Upon applying for RVIA membership, the prospective member agrees to complete and pass at least one unannounced audit within one year from the date of the prospective member's application submission. The prospective member acknowledges that failure to pass at least one audit within the 1-year period

will result in the denial of its application and such prospective member would be required to re-apply and pay all application, initiation, and membership fees.

- The member acknowledges that the successful completion of unannounced audits require the member to be in production at its manufacturing facilities and to provide a supervisory representative to accompany the inspector.
- If an RVIA inspector is unable to perform an unannounced audit at one of the member's manufacturing facilities, whether due to no production, no representative, or no answer upon arrival, the member will receive a "No Inspection" report. If the member receives three consecutive "No Inspection" reports, the member: (1) will be removed from the inspection schedule and (2) is prohibited from purchasing RVIA seals until it pays a \$1,000 fee to be re-instated on the inspection schedule and has completed and passed one full inspection.
- *Membership Department, where it will be retained as a permanent part of the member's file.* The member must allow RVIA audit inspectors access to all of its manufacturing facilities within one-half hour of an inspector's arrival;
  - The member must maintain a pool of at least three member representatives authorized to accompany the RVIA inspector during any audit. Only one such representative is required to accompany the inspector;
  - The member agrees to maintain a quality control program that, at a minimum, meets "RVIA's Minimum Requirements for Quality Control Program" as prescribed by the Standards Steering Committee;
  - The member agrees to affix and display the applicable RVIA recreation vehicle seal and any other applicable labels required by the adopted standards and program requirements on each recreation vehicle it manufactures for sale in North America.
  - The member agrees not to affix an RVIA seal to any product that is not a recreation vehicle.
  - In the event the member resigns, is suspended or expelled from RVIA membership, the member agrees to immediately cease applying RVIA seals to its units and will return all RVIA seals in its possession not already affixed to sold units in accordance with RVIA By-Laws (see Article IV, Section 9). The member acknowledges and agrees that this provision of the pledge shall survive such member's resignation, suspension, or expulsion from RVIA membership.
  - The member acknowledges its understanding that RVIA seals and the audit program are not a warranty of compliance with the adopted standards and program requirements. The audit program exists for the express purpose of monitoring the member's pledge to manufacture products in conformance with said adopted standards and program requirements.
  - Note that any former RV OEM who drops their membership due to suspension, cancellation, acquisition, or any other reason and wishes to rejoin the RV Industry Association will be required to pay a \$5,000 fee after a two-year period from the membership cancellation/suspension. If the membership gap is beyond three years, the full \$10,000 initiation fee will be required.

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(Print Name and Title of above representative)

(Print Name of company representative responsible for conformance with the identified standards and program requirements)

(Title)

(Phone)

(Mailing address)

(City, State, Zip)

(Date)

