



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

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Newland, NC [REDACTED]

NVS-216 et
Ref. No. 10236056

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your correspondence concerning your model year (MY) 2007 Dutchmen Colorado recreational vehicle. The North Carolina Office of the Attorney General referred your correspondence to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA). The Office of Defects Investigation received your correspondence on July 22, 2008.

NHTSA is the Federal agency responsible for improving safety on our Nation's highways. We are authorized to order manufacturers to recall and repair vehicles or items of motor vehicle equipment when our investigations indicate that they contain serious safety defects in their design, construction, or performance. We also monitor the adequacy of manufacturers' recall campaigns. In order for the agency to initiate an investigation, we look carefully at the body of consumer complaints and other available data to determine whether a defect may exist. We cannot act on isolated problems or resolve disputes between individual owners, dealers, or manufacturers.

We appreciate the report you provided. Reports from motorists are a very important source of information for us. In your letter you mention that you encountered problems with the axle equipped on your MY 2007 Dutchmen Colorado recreational vehicle. A review of our database relative to suspension, specifically the axle, on MY 2007 Dutchmen Colorado recreational vehicles revealed insufficient evidence to support safety defect investigation at this time. The information you provided has been entered into our database. It will be considered with future reports to identify any safety defect trends that may require our attention. We recommend that you continue to work with Dutchmen to resolve this issue.



Should you encounter a safety-related problem with a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment in the future, you can complete an electronic Vehicle Owner's Questionnaire online at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/ivoq>. Also, a summary listing of vehicle owners' complaints, safety recalls, manufacturers' service bulletins, etc. can be obtained at <http://www.nhtsa.dot.gov/cars/problems>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank S. Borris II". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "F" and "B".

Frank S. Borris II, Acting Chief
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