



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

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 04-029
Prompted By: Service Bulletin
Date Opened: 03/15/2004 Date Closed: 05/07/2004
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Fuel Leakage

Manufacturer: Four Winds International
Products: Four Winds International MY 2003 Class 'C' Motorhomes
Population: 99

Problem Description: Fuel leak at the auxiliary generator increases the risk of a fire.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	1	1
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description of Other:

Action: This Preliminary Evaluation (PE) is closed. Four Winds has filed a safety recall (04V-148) to address this concern.

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Date: 05/07/2004

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Summary: In late May 2003, Four Winds International notified owners of certain Class C Motorhomes to not operate their auxiliary generator while the vehicle's engine was running due to an excessive fuel pressure problem. The bulletin addressed the possibility of engine flooding and the potential for a fuel leak. ODI was concerned with the possibility of a vehicle fire caused by the fuel leakage.

Four Winds has agreed to supercede the product improvement campaign with a safety recall campaign. They will reroute the fuel lines and install a fuel regulator on all the affected motor homes. This action resolves the issues raised by this investigation.

A copy of the recall is attached. Accordingly, this investigation is closed.