



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
Principal Investigator: SONNY MURIANKA
Subject: FUEL LEAKAGE

Manufacturer: FOUR WINDS INTERNATIONAL
Products: FOUR WINDS INTERNATIONAL MY 2002-2004 CLASS 'C' MOTORHOMES
Population: 300 (ESTIMATED)

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

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
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: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka

Date: 03/15/2004

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Date: 03/15/2004

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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.

It is foreseeable, and an acceptable practice, that owners will operate the auxiliary generator to provide electrical power for coach amenities such as the "house" air conditioner, etc., while the vehicle is being driven.

A Preliminary Evaluation has been opened to understand four wind's rationale for conducting a service campaign in lieu of a safety recall campaign.

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