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October 26, 2004

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(4 pages)*

**VIA FACSIMILE AND
CERTIFIED U.S. MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**Mr. George H. Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
400 7th Street, S.W. NSA-11
Washington, DC 20590**

Re: Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Our firm is general counsel for Four Winds International Corporation ("Four Winds"), P. O. Box 1486, Elkhart, Indiana 46515-1486. Four Winds has been notified by Ford Motor Company ("Ford") that certain 2003 and 2004 model year E-Series chassis sold to Four Winds have a defect involving the Anti-Lock Brake System (ABS) module that relates to motor vehicle safety. Ford has already instituted a safety recall campaign in connection with this matter. The recall number assigned by NHTSA for Ford's safety recall campaign is 04V-444.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds contain the E-Series chassis that have been determined by Ford to have a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The Ford E-Series chassis containing the defective ABS module has been used on certain 2003 and 2004 model year motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds during the period from September, 2002 through January, 2004. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 1,107. The**

make, serial numbers, and vehicle identification numbers of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are built on the Ford E-Series chassis containing an ABS module with a diode that may experience an electrical short. This electrical short may cause an ABS malfunction that would illuminate the ABS warning light, and in some cases, the module may overheat resulting in a burning odor, smoke and/or fire.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds received notification from Ford that a potential defect with the ABS module may exist on the motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds that contain the E-Series motorhome chassis.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notifications issued by Ford in connection with recall campaign 04V-444, Ford's authorized dealers will repair the ABS module.

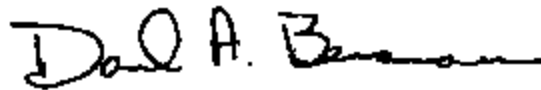
In order for Ford to remedy the defect referred to above, all of the owners of the motorhomes sold by Four Winds must be notified. Four Winds will provide Ford with the names and addresses of the current owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign. Ford will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 04V-444.

- E. Owner Notifications. Ford will provide the notification letters to the owners of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall campaign, including the dealer stock units, in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 04V-444.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Ford will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 04V-444. Because the information included by Ford in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Four Winds' motorhomes subject to this recall campaign, Four Winds will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication. However, Four Winds will monitor the quarterly reports filed by Ford to insure that the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are being remedied by Ford.
- G. Campaign Number. Four Winds does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Four Winds will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

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The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Four Winds with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Four Winds in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosure

cc: Four Winds International Corporation (via fax)
Mr. John M. Garnhausen

EXHIBIT "A"

Affected Units for United States						
Make	Total # Affected	Beg. Serial Number	Ending Serial Number	Beg. VIN Number	Ending VIN Number	Model Years Affected
Chrysler	135	CCC028380	CCC031843	1FDXE45S03HA01205	1FDXE45S03HB78220	2003 and 2004
Dodge	100	DCC028392	DCC031253	1FDXE45S03HA01264	1FDXE45S03HA79300	2003 and 2004
Dodge Express	101	ECC028266	ECC031818	1FDWE35L13HA05757	1FDXE45S03HB84202	2003 and 2004
Four Winds 5000	273	FCC028252	FCC031702	1FDWE35L03HA05748	1FDXE45S03HB8506	2003 and 2004
Mazda	75	MCC030309	MCC030410	1FDWE35L03HB49073	1FDXE45S03HB48101	2004
Chrysler Sport	130	SCC028283	SCC031831	1FDWE35L33HA05758	1FDXE45S03HB75455	2003 and 2004
Fun Mover	101	VCA012349	VCC031455	1FDXE45S03HA80480	1FDXE45S03HB53147	2003 and 2004
Four Winds	186	XCC028377	XCC031829	1FDXE45S03HA05785	1FDXE45S03HB78285	2003 and 2004
Total	1197					