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October 27, 2004

**04V-529
(04V-445)
(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: Four Winds International Corporation
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, 2004, and 2005 model year E-Series chassis sold to Four Winds have a defect involving the air filter element 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-445.

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 air filter element has been used on certain 2003, 2004, and 2005 model year motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds during the period from September, 2002 through July, 2004. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is

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1,380. 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 air filter element that may have filter paper not properly manufactured to prevent it from igniting during rare driving conditions, where hot particles in the engine air system may contact the air filter. This situation may create the potential for a fire in the air intake system or engine compartment.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds received notification from Ford that a potential defect with the air filter element 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-445, Ford's authorized dealers will replace the air filter element at no expense to the owners.

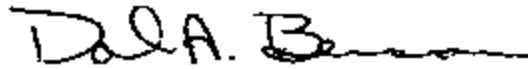
In order for Ford to remedy the defect referred to above, all of the owners of the motorhomes sold by Four Winds must be notified. Four Winds will provide Ford with the names and addresses of the current owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign. Ford will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 04V-445.

- 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-445.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Ford will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 04V-445. 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D.A. Bensman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosure

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

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EXHIBIT "A"

Affected US Units						
Model	Total # Affected	Beg. Serial #	End. Serial #	Beg. VIN #	End. VIN #	Model Years Affected
Chateau	163	CCC028380	CCC034103	1FDXE45S03HA01295	1FDXE45SX4HA95235	2003, 2004 and 2005
Dutchmen	116	DCC028382	DCC034031	1FDXE45S03HA01264	1FDXE45SX4HA83666	2003, 2004 and 2005
Dutchmen Express	111	ECC028288	ECC034128	1FDWE35L13HA05757	1FDXE45SX4HA95199	2003, 2004 and 2005
Four Winds 5000	316	FCC028252	FCC034019	1FDWE35L03HA06748	1FDXE45SX4HA95185	2003, 2004 and 2005
Majestic	129	MCC030309	MCC033581	1FDWE35L04HA87174	1FDXE45SX4HA92880	2004 and 2005
Chateau Citation	24	NCA013891	NCA014344	1FDWE35LX4HB02831	1FDXE45SX4HA90357	2004 and 2005
Dutchmen Dorado	7	RCA013836	RCA014382	1FDWE35S34HA90321	1FDXE45S84HA83682	2005
Chateau Sport	153	SCC028293	SCC034304	1FDWE35L14HB02832	1FDXE45SX3HB75455	2003, 2004 and 2005
Four Winds Sleeta	29	TCA013901	TCA014296	1FDWE35L74HA95191	1FDXE45SX4HA83652	2004 and 2005
Funmover	121	VCA12349	VCC034027	1FDXE45S03HA60489	1FDXE45SX4HA95221	2003, 2004 and 2005
Four Winds	211	XCC028377	XCC034003	1FDXE45S03HA05735	1FDXE45SX4HA95218	2003, 2004 and 2005
Totals	1380					

Total number Canadian and US Combined=1552