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Mr. John M. Garmhausen
Four Winds International Corporation
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Dear Mr. Garmhausen:

Four Winds International Corporation (Four Winds) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 04V-127 who have not had their motorhomes corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 985 MY 2004 Four Winds Hurricane, Infinity, and Windsport motor homes equipped with three-point shoulder harness seat belts and manufactured from May 2003 through March 2004. Some of the motorhomes could have been manufactured without the seat pedestal brace or the seat pedestal brace could have been installed without utilizing four tec bolts to hold the brace in place. The remedy for this recall campaign was to either add a seat pedestal brace if brace is not present or install necessary hardware or tec bolts to hold the brace in place. Owner notification began on March 31, 2004. Through the third quarter of 2005, Four Winds's sixth reporting quarter, Four Winds reports that of the 985 motorhomes involved, 231 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 24.5 percent.

Four Winds should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

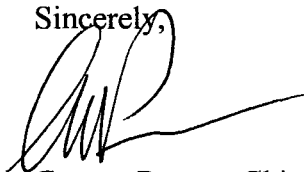
- Before conducting the owner renotification, Four Winds should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- Four Winds's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."

- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," Four Winds is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.
- Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:
 - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
 - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
 - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
 - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

Four Winds's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by November 30, 2005.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov.

Sincerely,



George Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
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