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NVS-215
05V-147

Subject: SPARE WHEEL/RIM INCORRECT OFFSET

Dear MR. BENSMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

FOUR WINDS/CHATEAU/2005-2006
FOUR WINDS/CHATEAU CITATION/2005
FOUR WINDS/CHATEAU SPORT/2005-2006
FOUR WINDS/DUTCHMEN/2005
FOUR WINDS/DUTCHMEN DORADO/2005
FOUR WINDS/DUTCHMEN EXPRESS/2005
FOUR WINDS/FOUR WINDS/2006
FOUR WINDS/FOUR WINDS 5000/2005-2006
FOUR WINDS/FOUR WINDS SIESTA/2005-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-147

Recall Date: April 11, 2005

Components:

WHEELS:RIM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 261

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES, THE RIMS ON THE SPARE WHEELS MAY CONTAIN AN INCORRECT OFFSET. THIS INCORRECT OFFSET OCCURRED BECAUSE THE CENTER OF THE RIM ON THE SPARE WHEEL WAS WELDED IN THE WRONG POSITION. AS A RESULT OF THIS INCORRECT OFFSET, THE SPARE WHEEL MAY RUB AGAINST THE BRAKE CALIPER WHICH COULD, IN TURN, RESULT IN A BRAKE FAILURE.

Consequence:

BRAKE FAILURE CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

FOUR WINDS WILL MAIL TO OWNERS PROCEDURES FOR INSPECTING AND REPAIRING THE SPARE WHEEL OR, IF AN OWNER SO DESIRES, THEY COULD TAKE THEIR VEHICLE TO A DEALER, OR A LOCAL TIRE SERVICE CENTER FOR REPAIRS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON MAY 11, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT FOUR WINDS AT 574-266-1111.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

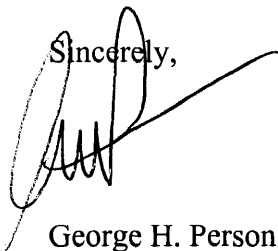
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577. On the third paragraph last sentence please rephrase the sentence to read i.e., "...which could, in turn, result in a brake failure and a crash could occur without prior warning."

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin on May 11, 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division