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June 7, 2005

**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 2005 model year E-450 chassis sold to Four Winds fail to conform to the requirements specified in Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 120 - Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars. 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-603.

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-450 chassis that have been determined by Ford to not comply with FMVSS No. 120.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The Ford E-450 chassis that do not comply with FMVSS No. 120 have been used on certain 2005 and 2006 model year motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds during the period from December 2004 through March

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2005. The total number of motorhomes sold in the United States that are subject to this recall campaign is 238. The models, model years, serial numbers, and vehicle identification numbers of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are set forth in the attached Exhibit "A."

To date, Four Winds has repaired 194 of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign prior to delivery of the motorhomes to its dealers.

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign are built on the Ford E-450 chassis that contain a Vehicle Certification and Incomplete Vehicle Manual Label that states the incorrect rear tire pressure. At the incorrectly stated pressure, the rear tires are unable to support the Gross Axle Weight Rating (GAWR) for the rear axle, as required by FMVSS No. 120.

The failure to follow proper vehicle loading specifications and the correct tire inflation recommendations can result in tire damage and vehicle instability, which could result in a crash without warning.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds received notification from Ford that the non-compliance with FMVSS No. 120 exists on the motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds that contain the 2005 model year E-450 motorhome chassis.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notifications issued by Ford in connection with recall campaign 04V-603, Ford's authorized dealers will remedy the non-compliance at no expense to the owners.

In order for Ford to remedy the non-compliance referred to above, all of the owners of the motorhomes sold by Four Winds must be notified. Four Winds has already provided 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-603.

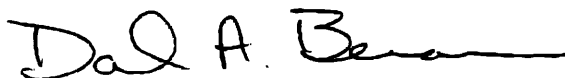
- E. Owner Notifications. Ford will provide the notification letters to the owners of the motorhomes that are subject to this recall campaign, including the dealer stock units, in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 04V-603.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Ford will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 04V-603. 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.

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- 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.

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", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosure

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

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Class C Breakdown-US

Model	Model Year	Qty	Beg. Serial #	Ending Serial #	Beg. VIN #	Ending VIN #	Beg. Mfg. Date	Ending Mfg. Date
Chateau	2005-2006	34	CCC035374	CCC035899	1FDXE45S05HA63931	1FDXE45SX5HA65184	2/7/2005	2/15/2005
Dutchmen	2005	36	DCC035347	DCC035910	1FDXE45S05HA50970	1FDXE45SX5HA65198	12/9/2004	3/1/2005
Dutchmen Express	2005	17	ECC035364	ECC035897	1FDXE45S05HA50953	1FDXE45SX5HA63886	12/13/2004	2/28/2005
Four Winds 5000	2005-2006	33	FCC035344	FCC036184	1FDXE45S05HA63878	1FDXE45SX5HA63905	12/8/2004	3/22/2005
Chateau Sport	2005-2006	33	SCC035353	SCC036382	1FDXE45P75HA65218	1FDXE45SX5HA65217	12/9/2004	4/4/2005
Funmover	2005	13	VCC035383	VCC036131	1FDXE45S05HA63881	1FDXE45S95HA63877	12/15/2004	3/17/2005
Four Winds	2005-2006	38	XCC035345	XCC035912	1FDXE45S05HA63895	1FDXE45SX5HA65203	12/9/2004	3/2/2005
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Class B Breakdown-US

Chateau Citation	2005	10	NCA015166	NCA015592	1FDXE45S25HA57158	1FDXE45S85HA65152	1/7/2005	2/18/2005
Duthcmen Dorodo	2005	9	RCA015173	RCA015451	1FDXE45S05HA65176	1FDXE45S85HA65183	12/17/2004	2/24/2005
Four Winds Siesta	2005-2006	15	TCA015180	TCA015501	1FDXE45S05HA65159	1FDXE45SX5HA63967	12/20/2004	3/7/2005
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