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**VIA FACSIMILE AND
CERTIFIED MAIL,
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. George Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Four Winds International Corporation Recall
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Our office is general counsel for Four Winds International Corporation ("Four Winds"). On behalf of Four Winds, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the existence of a defect in certain 2006 model year Class A and B motorhomes that has been determined by Four Winds to be safety related.

A. Manufacturer; Identification of Vehicles.

The manufacturer is Four Winds International Corporation, 701 County Road 15, P. O. Box 1486, Elkhart, Indiana 46515-1486. Four Winds has determined that a defect may be present on certain 2006 model year Class A Hurricane, Magellan, and Windsport motorhomes and certain 2006 model year Class B Chateau Citation, Dutchmen Dorado, and Four Winds Siesta motorhomes manufactured between July 2005 and September 2005. The total number of motorhomes that contain this defect is 359, which includes 31 motorhomes that have been sold in Canada and overseas. This total includes all motorhomes that have been retail sold or that are currently located on dealer lots. The information available to Four Winds indicates that 100% of the subject motorhomes may contain the potential defect.

B. Recall Population.

1. Hurricane Models. The total number of 2006 Hurricane motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 221, which includes 18 motorhomes that have been sold in Canada

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and overseas. The Hurricane motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have serial numbers beginning at HAA016184 and ending at HAA016589.

2. Magellan Models. The total number of 2006 Magellan motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 25, which includes 1 motorhome that has been sold in Canada. The Magellan motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have serial numbers beginning at LAA016187 and ending at LAA016586.
3. Windsport Models. The total number of 2006 Windsport motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 43, which includes 4 motorhomes that have been sold in Canada and overseas. The Windsport motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have serial numbers beginning at WAA016200 and ending at WAA016582.
4. Chateau Citation Models. The total number of 2006 Chateau Citation motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 34, which includes 7 motorhomes that have been sold in Canada and overseas. The Chateau Citation motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have serial numbers beginning at NCA016186 and ending at NCA016576.
5. Dutchmen Dorado Models. The total number of 2006 Dutchmen Dorado motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 16, which includes 1 motorhome that has been sold in Canada. The Dutchmen Dorado motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have serial numbers beginning at RCA016209 and ending at RCA016588.
6. Four Winds Siesta Models. The total number of 2006 Four Winds Siesta motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 20, which does not include any motorhomes sold in Canada or overseas. The Four Winds Siesta motorhomes subject to this recall campaign have serial numbers beginning at TCA016203 and ending at TCA016583.

C. Description of Defect.

The defect identified by Four Winds involves the spacer plate located on the motorhome's hitch that does not fit flush to the rear extension of the hitch. The improper fit of the spacer plate causes the fasteners on the spacer plate to be corner loaded when tightened. Under certain conditions, this defect can cause the hitch to fail during usage and can cause an accident which could result in death or injury to the occupants of the motorhome.

D. Remedying of Defect.

The program to be implemented by Four Winds to remedy the defect will include notification to all registered owners of the subject motorhomes. The owners will be advised to bring their motorhome to an authorized Four Winds' dealer or service center for repair. The repair of the defect will consist of installing a new spacer plate and adding six new bolts, washers and nuts to secure the spacer plate in place. The procedure

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for the installation of the new spacer plate will be provided to Four Winds' authorized dealers and service centers. As set forth in the enclosed owner notification, the defect will be corrected by Four Winds at no expense to the owner.

E. Recall Notifications.

Enclosed as Exhibit "A" is the proposed notification entitled "Vehicle Safety Defect Service Bulletin" that will be sent to registered owners of the subject motorhomes. Enclosed as Exhibit "B" is the proposed notification also entitled "Vehicle Safety Defect Service Bulletin" that will be sent to Four Winds' authorized dealers.

The enclosed service bulletins are being submitted to NHTSA for your pre-review. Four Winds intends to mail the owner notification and dealer notification service bulletins within 30 days after receiving approval of the documents by NHTSA and the release of the NHTSA recall information to Four Winds.

G. Campaign Number.

Four Winds has not designated an internal campaign number for this recall. Four Winds will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

I would appreciate your providing me with a pre-review determination of the enclosed documents at your earliest convenience. Please contact the undersigned at (937) 492-1271 after you have had an opportunity to review the documents. I trust that you will find the enclosed documents comply with the NHTSA regulations and will approve the documents for form and content.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,



Daniel A. Bensman

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Enclosures

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

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September 29 2005

VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT SERVICE BULLETIN

**Recall Campaign No: TBD
Hitch Spacer Plate Relacement**

Re: Safety Recall – Hitch Spacer Replacement

Dear Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Four Winds International has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2006 Four Winds Class A Hurricane, Magellan and Windsport motorhomes as well as Class B Chateau Citation, Dutchmen Dorado and Four Winds Siesta motorhomes manufactured between July 2006 and September 2005. The hitch on these motorhomes may have been manufactured with a spacer plate that does not fit flush to the rear extension. According to our records, your motorhome may contain this potential defect.

This defect is due to a spacer plate that does not fit flush to the rear extension which is causing the fasteners to be corner loaded when tightened. Under certain conditions this defect can cause the hitch to fail during usage causing an accident which could result in a death or injury.

The remedy will consist of replacing the spacer plate with a new spacer plate. This repair will be done at no charge to you.

You may contact your Four Winds International dealer or service center to arrange for a service appointment. If you need assistance in locating a dealer or service center in your area or you are having difficulty setting a service appointment, please contact us at 574-266-1111. Instructions for making this correction have been sent to your dealer and parts are readily available.

While the time for the remedy of the defect is expected to take approximately half an hour, your dealer or service center may require you to leave the motorhome for a longer period of time to allow for the scheduling of such remedy.

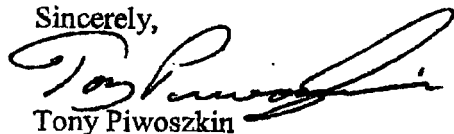
If the defect referred to above has been repaired on your motorhome prior to the receipt of this recall notification, and if you incurred any direct cost in connection with obtaining such repair, you may seek reimbursement from Four Winds International. In order to obtain such reimbursement you must submit the following information: (1) Your name and mailing address; (2) The VIN (vehicle identification number) number for your motorhome; (3) A reference to this recall campaign; and (4) A copy of the receipt or invoice for the repair.

This reimbursement may be obtained by sending your request for reimbursement along with the requested information referred to above to Four Winds International Corporation, P.O. Box 1486, Elkhart, IN 46515-1486.

Four Winds has notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of this recall and the procedures involved. However, should Four Winds fail or be unable to correct the defect without charge, you may write to Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590 or call the toll free Auto Safety Hotline at 888-327-4236 or you may go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulation requires any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

Sincerely,



Tony Piwoszkin
Director of Customer Service
Four Winds International

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September 29, 2005

VEHICLE SAFETY DEFECT SERVICE BULLETIN

**Recall Campaign No: TBD
Hitch Spacer Plate Replacement**

Re: Safety Recall – Hitch Spacer Plate Replacement

Dear Four Winds International Dealer:

Four Winds International has initiated a safety recall campaign relating to 2006 model year Class A and B motorhomes manufactured from July 2005 to September 2005 on Ford, Workhorse and GM chassis. A copy of the notification letter that is being sent to owners is enclosed.

The National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act provides that each vehicle that is subject to a recall campaign of this type must be adequately repaired within a reasonable time after the owner has tendered it for repair. Generally, failure to repair within sixty (60) days after the owner's first delivery for repair is assumed to be an unreasonable delay.

The Issue

Four Winds International has discovered that the spacer plate does not fit flush to the rear extension, which is causing the fasteners to be corner loaded when tightened. The improper spacer plate could fail during usage and cause an accident that may result in death or injury.

Affected Motorhomes

Affected motorhomes are 2006 Class A Hurricane, Magellan, and Windsport motorhomes as well as Class B Chateau Citation, Dutchmen Dorado and Four Winds Siesta motorhomes manufactured between July 2005 and September 2005.

If our records indicate that you have any of the affected motorhomes in your inventory you will also receive an owner notification letter identifying those units.

The Repair

The repair will consist of replacing the spacer plate and adding six new bolts, washers and nuts to secure it in place.

Dealer Campaign Responsibility

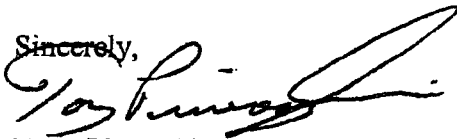
All unsold motorhomes in your possession that are subject to this recall campaign must be held and inspected/repared in accordance with the service procedure of this campaign bulletin before owners can take possession of these motorhomes. Please service all motorhomes subject to this recall campaign at no charge to the owners, regardless of mileage, age or vehicle ownership, from this time forward.

In addition to a letter, owners will receive a recall card. The motorhome owner will present this card to you upon arrival for the service appointment. Once the repair has been completed please fill in the appropriate information and return it to Four Winds International along with your claim for payment.

You should contact owners of motorhomes recently sold from your vehicle inventory for which you have received the owner notification letter and make arrangements to perform the required correction according to the instructions enclosed with this bulletin. At a minimum, mail the owner a copy of the owner notification letter accompanying this bulletin.

In summary, whenever a motorhome subject to this campaign enters your vehicle inventory or is in your dealership for service in the future, please take the necessary steps to be sure the campaign correction has been made before selling or releasing the motorhome.

Sincerely,



Tony Piwoszkin
Director of Customer Service
Four Winds International