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NVS-215
06V-076

Subject: STEERING LINKAGES/ZF

Dear MR. BENSMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge the recent defect information report submitted on behalf of your client, Four Winds International Corporation. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
FOUR WINDS/MANDALAY/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-076

Mfg's Report Date: March 13, 2006

Components: STEERING:LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 65

Summary:

ON CERTAIN MOTOR HOMES BUILT ON FREIGHTLINER CHASSIS AND EQUIPPED WITH I-SHAFTS SUPPLIED BY ZF HEAVY DUTY STEERING, THE STEERING SHAFT ASSEMBLIES WITH LOWER YOKES MAY HAVE BEEN INCORRECTLY MACHINED. THE STEERING SHAFT SPLINES COULD PUSH THROUGH THE LOWER YOKE, ALLOWING THE STEERING WHEEL TO TURN WITHOUT ANY RESPONSE.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURS, THE VEHICLE COULD SUFFER LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL WHICH COULD RESULT IN A CRASH.

Remedy:

FREIGHTLINER IS CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. FREIGHTLINER WILL INSPECT AND ATTACH A TENSION COLLAR TO THE STEERING SHAFT TO SECURE THE CONNECTION TO THE YOKE FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT FREIGHTLINER AT 1-800-547-0712 OR FOUR WINDS AT 1-574-266-1111.

Notes:

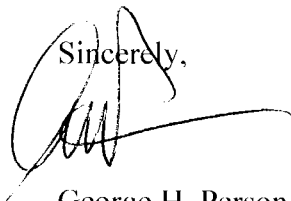
CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

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 required 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 your report, Freightliner will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Freightliner's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement