U.S. Department
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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
06V-491

Subject: FURNACE VENT

Dear MR. MILHALICK:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. 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:
DUTCHMEN/T@B/2003-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-491

Mfg's Report Date: December 21, 2006

Components: EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG FURNACE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,939

Summary:
ON CERTAIN RECREATIONAL TRAILERS, A FURNACE VENT WAS NOT INSTALLED. THE LACK OF AN EXHAUST VENT ALLOWS FURNACE COMBUSTION PRODUCTS CONTAINING CARBON MONOXIDE FUMES TO VENT INTO THE TRAILER.

Consequence:
THIS COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH TO THE OCCUPANTS OF THE TRAILER.

Remedy:
OWNERS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO VISUALLY CHECK FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE EXHAUST VENT ON THE EXTERIOR OF THE VEHICLE. IF THE EXHAUST VENT IS NOT PRESENT OR IF THERE ARE ANY OTHER QUESTIONS, THE OWNER WILL BE INSTRUCTED NOT TO USE THE FURNACE AND TO TAKE THEIR TRAILER TO THE NEAREST DUTCHMEN DEALER OR SERVICE CENTER FOR REPAIR. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT DUTCHMEN AT 1-219-534-1224.

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.

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

> You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).
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> You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

for Patricia A. Wallace

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement