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September 8, 2006

**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED****06V-351
(3 pages)**

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
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Four Winds International ("Four Winds") has been notified by Chevrolet and Workhorse Custom Chassis ("Workhorse") concerning the potential defect involving fuel rail pulse damper retainer clips on the 8.1L V8 GM Engines used on certain Kodiak, P32, W20, W22 and W24 chassis supplied by Chevrolet and Workhorse to Four Winds. Chevrolet and Workhorse have already initiated safety recall campaigns with respect to this potential defect. NHTSA has assigned recall number 06V-289 to the Chevrolet recall campaign and recall number 06V-225 to the Workhorse recall campaign.

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 were built on the Chevrolet and Workhorse chassis that may contain the defective retainer clips.

As more specifically set forth below, Chevrolet and Workhorse have agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective chassis. Four Winds will provide Chevrolet and Workhorse with a list of dealers and owners to assist them in remedying the defect. Chevrolet and Workhorse will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Chevrolet and Workhorse have been used on certain Chateau, Dutchmen, Fun Mover, Four Winds, Hurricane, Infinity, Magellan, and Windsport motorhomes, which were manufactured by Four Winds on chassis supplied by Chevrolet and Workhorse during the period from 2004 through 2006. The total number of motorhomes/chassis subject to this recall campaign is 692.
- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign were built on Chevrolet and Workhorse chassis that contain an 8.1L V8 GM Engine.

The potential defect involves the fuel rail pulse damper retainer clips. As a result of possible improper hardening during the heat treatment process, the fuel rail pulse damper retainer clip on these engines may fracture, resulting in inadequate retention of the damper. If the damper becomes loose, fuel could be pumped by the fuel pump into the under-hood area. In the presence of an ignition source, a fire could result.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds received notification from Chevrolet and Workhorse on September 6, 2006 that a potential defect exists with respect to the fuel rail pulse damper retainer clips on the 8.1L V8 GM engine used on certain Workhorse chassis. Subsequently, Four Winds confirmed that certain of the chassis purchased by Four Winds from Chevrolet and Workhorse contain the potential defect.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Chevrolet and Workhorse in connection with recall campaigns 06V-289 and 06V-225, Chevrolet and Workhorse dealers will replace the fuel rail pulse damper clips on all of the effected engines. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Chevrolet and Workhorse in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by the respective chassis manufacturer. Chevrolet will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06V-289. Workhorse will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06V-225. Chevrolet and Workhorse have agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Chevrolet and Workhorse will notify the owners of the motorhomes, which Four Winds will provide owner's information to Chevrolet and Workhorse.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Chevrolet and Workhorse will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaigns 06V-289 and 06V-225 respectively. Because the information included by Chevrolet and Workhorse in their 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.
- 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.

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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 at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DM Mihalick', with a stylized, cursive script.

David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager