



01-07 Service Bulletin 2/7/2007

T@B Furnace Exhaust

Recall and Inspection Procedure

Dear Dealer:

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

Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain T@B® brand travel trailers manufactured in Bristol, Indiana between June 2003 and December 2006. Vehicle identification numbers (VIN numbers) for the affected models will end with six digits between 700000 and 702440. The VIN number is located on the front left side of the trailer.

Trailers built during this period **may not have an exterior exhaust vent** for the optional Atwood furnace model #7912-II DCLP6AS. Our records indicate that **your T@B® brand travel trailer** was manufactured during this time period and contains an Atwood furnace that may have this installation defect. Other trailer models manufactured by Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. during this time period are not included in this recall even if the trailer contains an Atwood furnace.

The lack of a furnace exhaust vent will allow exhaust fumes containing combustion products, including high concentrations of **potentially lethal carbon monoxide gas**, to enter into the trailer and **could result in injury or death** to occupants of the trailer whether awake or sleeping.

Our records indicate that your dealership has received one or more of the T@B® brand travel trailers that are included in the recall population.

- **Important: Federal law requires that, from the receipt of this notice, the recall service must be completed on all units, whether new or used, before the travel trailers contained in inventory can be retail delivered.**

Dutchmen has issued and mailed a recall letter to all known warranty-registered retail owners in our files as of December 31st, 2006. A copy of the customer letter and the "**Furnace Exhaust Vent Inspection Procedure**" is included with this bulletin.

Also included with this letter are tables of all units that were purchased by your dealership between June 2003 and December 2006 but do not have retail registrations submitted to Dutchmen. Since Dutchmen is not able to send recall letters to the retail owners without the registrations, you must complete the tables with the latest owner names and addresses so they may be contacted by Dutchmen. These tables must be completed with all diligence and returned to Dutchmen by fax or mail to arrive by March 16, 2007 at the latest. If you can not comply with the return deadline for any reason, please contact the Dutchmen Warranty/Service Department by email at warranty@dutchmenmfg.com or by phone at 574-537-0700.



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If the unit has not been retail sold, please indicate such on the attached tables. If possible, do the required simple inspection to assure the presence of the furnace exhaust before you mail or fax the tables to Dutchmen and indicate the results of the inspection on the tables. If the inspection(s) are not completed for units in your possession, Dutchmen will send you additional notices so we may attempt to achieve as close to 100% recall completion as possible.

If any unit inspected does not have a furnace exhaust installed or the furnace exhaust appears incorrectly installed, please contact Robert Ries, Director of Quality Assurance, at Dutchmen immediately at 574-975-0554 or contact by email at bries@dutchmenmfg.com.

The completed tables with customer names and address are to be sent to Dutchmen.

By fax to:

**Furnace Exhaust Safety Recall 06V-491/06-368
574-537-0496**

By overnight delivery to:

**Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc.
Attn: Furnace Exhaust Safety Recall 06V-491/06-368
2164 Caragana Ct.
Goshen, IN 46526-9149
USA**

Federal regulations require that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to lessee within 10 days.

If you have any questions concerning this recall or need assistance concerning the inspection procedure, please contact the Dutchmen Warranty/Service Department by email at warranty@dutchmenmfg.com or by phone at 574-537-0700. We are sorry to cause this inconvenience; however, we have taken this action in the interest of safety and continued satisfaction with our trailers.

Sincerely,

Robert Ries
Director of Quality Assurance

Kelly Green
Director of Parts, Service and Warranty

Furnace Exhaust Vent Inspection Procedure

Step 1: Locate the furnace exhaust vent.

The picture below shows a typical furnace exhaust vent located on the right exterior side (opposite the door) of the T@B® trailer.

- ***If you can not find an exhaust vent that looks similar to the one in the picture or if you are unsure whether the exhaust is correct or not, you must not use your furnace in the trailer. Call Dutchmen Warranty/Service Department immediately at 866-869-1109 for assistance.***
- ***You will need to take your trailer to your nearest Dutchmen (T@B) approved dealer or directly to Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. (Goshen, IN) for repair or installation of the furnace exhaust vent.***



Typical exhaust vent location.



Typical furnace exhaust vent.



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Step 2: Inspect the furnace exhaust vent.

If the external vent is present, you can now turn on the furnace and check that the furnace exhaust vent is working properly and that hot exhaust air is escaping from the vent. Be careful because the exhaust gases are hot. You may also feel a slight air flow into the furnace at the air intake grill next to the exhaust outlet.

- ***If the furnace exhaust vent has not been installed, appears to be incorrectly installed, or the hot furnace exhaust is not properly escaping from the vent, you must not use the furnace in your trailer. Call Dutchmen Warranty/Service Department immediately 866-869-1109 for assistance (toll-free).***

Step 3: Call Dutchmen *toll-free* to report the results of your inspection.

It is very important that we talk with you if you suspect there is a problem or if you are not sure that the furnace vents are properly installed or are operating correctly.

To report a defect in your furnace vent or to ask for assistance, call *866-869-1109*.

To report your furnace vent is installed correctly, call ***866-869-1110***.

The telephone numbers provided for this safety recall are toll free in the United States and in Canada. Please call one of the above telephone numbers to report the results of your inspection whether it is installed correctly or if you suspect a defect or need assistance.

Step 4: Complete the enclosed pink “Inspection Results Return Letter” and return it in the pre-stamped envelope.