

February 8, 2007

VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

Mr. George H. Person
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
400 7th Street, S.W. NSA-11
Washington, DC 20590

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(2 pages)

Re: Four Winds Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

In accordance with 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 with a defect that has been determined to be safety related.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The motorhomes built with the safety defect are as follows:

<u>Model Name</u>	<u>Model Years Affected</u>
Mandalay 40H	2007
Presidio 39E	2007

The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 26

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign may have improper routing or support of the propane gas line to the kitchen slide-out room. Continued operation of the propane system may result in a rupture of the propane gas line causing a gas leak that could result in fire or an explosion which could result in serious injury or death.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds had one owner report binding and kinking of the gas line supplying propane to the appliances within the slide-out room on his motorhome. Upon further investigation, Four Winds determined the gas line was improperly routed and supported. No other owner reports of this problem have been received.

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- D. Remedying of Defect. The recall campaign to be implemented by Four Winds to remedy the safety defect will include notification to all known registered owners

of the subject motorhomes, included but not limited to all dealers with such motorhomes in stock. Owners will be instructed not to use the propane system on their motorhomes and to take the motorhome to the nearest authorized Four Winds dealer or service center for repair. The repair will reconfigure the propane system piping to eliminate the potential for binding or kinking. As will be set forth in the notification letter to be mailed to the registered owners, the defect will be corrected by Four Winds at no expense to the owner.

- E. Owner Notifications. Four Winds will notify owners of the motorhomes of the safety defect. A copy of the Owner's notification letter will be forwarded to NHTSA shortly for approval. Four Winds expects to start notifying owners by March 15, 2007.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Four Winds will notify all Mandalay and Presidio dealers of the non-conformance. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter will be forwarded to NHTSA shortly for approval. Four Winds expects to start notifying dealers by March 8, 2007.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Four Winds will be filing quarterly reports as required by Part 573.7 of Title 49 the Code of Federal Regulations.
- H. Campaign Number. As this time, Four Winds does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Four Winds will use the identification number assigned by NHTSA.

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,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager