

February 28, 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

07V-082
(2 pages)

Re: Four Winds Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Person:

Four Winds Corporation has been notified by Dometic concerning a safety related defect in certain two-door refrigerators manufactured between April 1997 and May 2003. Dometic has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 06E-076 to the Dometic 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 vehicles manufactured by Four Winds were built with Dometic refrigerators that may contain the safety related defect.

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

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective refrigerators supplied by Dometic have been used on 2003 and 2004 Mandalay motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds between April 18, 2003 and August 15, 2003. The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 58.
- B. Description of Defect. Under some circumstances, a fatigue crack can develop in the boiler tube of the covered refrigerators, which can permit the release of pressurized coolant solution. If this solution is exposed to an ignition source under certain specific circumstances, it can result in a vehicle fire.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dometic advised Four Winds of its defect determination by letter dated February 22, 2007.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Dometic in connection with recall campaign 06E-076, Dometic will remedy the refrigerator if

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found to be defective. The owners of the vehicles subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Dometic in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Dometic. Dometic will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 06E-076. Dometic has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.

- E. Owner Notifications. Four Winds will notify the owner's of the recalled vehicles. A copy of the owner's letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Four Winds will notify its dealers of the recalled vehicles. A copy of the dealer's letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dometic will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 06E-076. Because the information included by Dometic in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Four Winds vehicles subject to this recall campaign, Four Winds will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- H. 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.

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