



U.S. Department  
of Transportation

**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

*June 20, 2008*

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NVS-215dgl  
08V-268

Subject: REAR REFLEX REFLECTORS/FMVSS 108

Dear MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dutchmen Manufacturing Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/N'TENSE/2007-2009  
DUTCHMEN/VICTORY LANE/2007-2009  
DUTCHMEN/WINNER'S CIRCLE/2007-2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 08V-268

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 13, 2008

**Components:** EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 478

**Summary:**

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING 478 MY 2007-2009 N'TENSE, VICTORY LANE, AND WINNER'S CIRCLE TRAVEL TRAILERS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 108, 'LAMPS, REFLECTIVE DEVICES, AND ASSOCIATED EQUIPMENT.' THESE TRAILERS WERE BUILT WITHOUT REAR REFLEX REFLECTORS.

**Consequence:**

LACK OF REFLECTORS COULD LEAD TO REDUCED VISIBILITY OF THE TRAVEL TRAILER INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL SEND REFLECTORS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS TO CUSTOMERS. CUSTOMERS WILL HAVE THE OPTION OF INSTALLING THE REFLECTORS OR TAKE THEIR TRAVEL TRAILER TO THE NEAREST DUTCHMEN CERTIFIED DEALER TO HAVE THE INSTALLATION DONE FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT JULY 14, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUTCHMEN AT 1-866-869-1109.

**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](http://www.safercar.gov).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

The information in your noncompliance report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

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).

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](mailto:Patricia.wallace@dot.gov), [Delia.lopez@dot.gov](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

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