

April 24, 2008

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Mr. Daniel Smith
Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Attn: Recall Management Division (NVS-215)
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

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(2 pages)

Re: Four Winds International
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

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>
Dutchmen Express model 25C	2008, 2009
Chateau Sport model 25C	2008, 2009
Four Winds 5000 model 25C	2008, 2009

These motorhomes were built between September 2007 and April 2008. The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 104.

- B. Description of Defect. All of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign may have improper routing of the propane gas line within the slide-out room. Continued operation of the slide-room may result in a rupture of this propane supply line potentially causing a gas leak, fire or explosion resulting in serious injury or death.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Research was initiated when one dealer informed Four Winds of a twisting or binding of the propane supply line within the slide-out room. Upon further investigation, Four Winds determined this gas supply line was improperly routed. As of this date, no other failures have been reported.

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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 registered owners of the subject motorhomes, including but not limited to all dealers with such motorhomes in their inventory. Owners will be instructed to immediately turn the propane supply valve to the "off" position, suspend use of Propane appliances and to take the motorhome to the nearest authorized Four Winds dealer or service center for repair. This repair will reconfigure the Propane supply line to allow proper movement of this propane line without binding or chaffing. As will be set forth in the registered owner notification letter, this 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 sent shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Four Winds will notify all Four Winds dealers of the safety defect. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter will be sent shortly for approval.
- 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 or contact Four Winds directly at 574-266-1111.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager