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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

Re: Four Winds Corporation
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Four Winds has been notified by Freightliner concerning a safety defect involving chassis built between February 14, 2005 and May 17, 2006 inclusive. Freightliner has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 07V-570 to the Freightliner 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 motorhomes manufactured by Four Winds were built with Freightliner chassis that contain the defect.

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

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The defective chassis supplied by Freightliner have been used on the following motorhomes:

<u>Make</u>	<u>Models</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Valencia	36A, 36B, 37A, 38C	2006, 2007

These motorhomes were manufactured between November 2005 and September 2006.

The total number of motorhomes subject to this recall campaign is 120.

- B. Description of Defect. The defective chassis contain steering filters that can plug due to failure of the screen adhesion to the filter housing causing a rise in return line pressure potentially leading to a hose separation from the filter or steering gear fitting resulting in a sudden loss of steering fluid and power assist. Sudden loss of steering assist without warning involving a motorhome could be a problem for certain drivers and could lead to a vehicle crash.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Four Winds received notification from Freightliner on April 21, 2008 that the defect with the chassis exists.
- D. Remedying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Freightliner in connection with recall campaign 07V-570, Freightliner will correct the chassis if found to be defective. The owners of the motorhomes subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Freightliner in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Freightliner. Freightliner will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 07V-570. Freightliner has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Freightliner will notify the owner's of the motorhomes on behalf of Four Winds. A copy of the owner's notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Freightliner will notify the Dealer's of the motorhomes on behalf of Four Winds. A copy of the Dealer's notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Freightliner will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 07V-570. Because the information included by Freightliner in its quarterly reports will encompass the remedying of the Four Winds motorhomes 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 or Four Winds at 800-860-5658.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries, Standards Compliance Manager