

June 13, 2008

VIA E-MAIL - RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

RECEIVED
2008 JUNE 18 - 2:30 PM
OFFICE OF RECALL
MANAGEMENT DIVISION

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

08V-268
(2 Pages)

Re: Dutchmen Manufacturing
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dutchmen Manufacturing has identified a vehicle non-compliance with FMVSS 108 in certain Dutchmen Manufacturing travel trailers manufactured between August 31, 2006 and May 23, 2008.

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 Dutchmen Manufacturing were built without rear reflex reflectors.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The travel trailers built with the non-compliance are as follows:

<u>Brand Name</u>	<u>Model Numbers</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
N'Tense	N200, N220, N240, N260	2007, 2008, 2009
Victory Lane	36SRV, 37SRV, 38SRV	2007, 2008, 2009
Winner's Circle	36SRV, 37SRV, 38SRV	2007, 2008, 2009

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 478.

- B. Description of Defect. The travel trailers were built without rear reflex reflectors. Dutchmen Manufacturing's LED rear lighting did not contain the integral reflectors as required by FMVSS 108 and additional reflectors were not provided. 100% of the travel trailers subject to this recall campaign were built without the reflectors.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen Manufacturing discovered this non-compliance during a routine compliance audit. There are no known injuries or accidents that have been reported to Dutchmen Manufacturing as a result of this non-compliance.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The recall campaign by Dutchmen Manufacturing to remedy the non-compliance is to send separate reflectors to the affected customers and dealers with instructions for proper installation. Customers will have the option of installing the reflectors or taking the travel trailer to the nearest Dutchmen certified dealer. This will be done at no charge to the affected customers.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen Manufacturing will notify all registered owners of the travel trailers. A copy of the Owner notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Dutchmen Manufacturing will notify all Dutchmen dealers of the non conformance and provide them with repair procedures. The Dealer notification letter will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dutchmen Manufacturing will be filing quarterly reports as required by Part 573.7 of Title 49 the Code of Federal Regulations.
- H. Campaign Number. Dutchmen Manufacturing does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Dutchmen Manufacturing will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Dutchmen Manufacturing with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Dutchmen Manufacturing in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Robert Ries, Dutchmen Manufacturing, at 574-975-0554.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager