



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-236

SUBJECT: FUEL STORAGE SYSTEM

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/DUTCHMEN/2005-2010
DUTCHMEN/FOUR WINDS/2005-2010
DUTCHMEN/N TENSE/2005-2010
DUTCHMEN/VICTORY LANE/2005-2010
DUTCHMEN/WILD THING/2005-2010
DUTCHMEN/WINNERS CIRCLE/2005-2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-236

Mfg's Report Date: June 22, 2009

Components: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE: STORAGE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,735

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING 2,735 MY 2005-2010 N'TENSE, VICTORY LANE, WINNER'S CIRCLE, WILD THING, FOUR WINDS, AND DUTCHMEN RECREATIONAL TRAILERS. THESE TRAILERS CONTAIN A FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM WITH A SHUT-OFF SWITCH WHICH IS NOT SPARK PROTECTED AND IS MOUNTED IN THE NOZZLE STORAGE COMPARTMENT OF THE FUEL DISPENSING SYSTEM. GASOLINE SPILLED ON THE SWITCH, OR GASOLINE VAPORS WHICH MIGHT BUILD UP IN THE VICINITY OF THE SWITCH DURING DISPENSING FUNCTIONS, MAY CREATE A FIRE OR EXPLOSION IF A SPARK IS GENERATED BY THE SWITCH.

Consequence:

THE RESULTING FIRE OR EXPLOSION COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS BURNS AND POSSIBLY DEATH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL PROVIDE AN IGNITION PROTECTED SWITCH AND INSULATED TERMINALS TO REPLACE THE CURRENT SWITCH. THE REMEDY WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JULY 9, 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUTCHMEN AT 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).

The information in your defect 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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