



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

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NVS-215dgl
09V-331

SUBJECT: FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION TAG TIRE LOADING LABEL

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 Part 567, "Certification," 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/LITE TRAILERS/2009-2010
FOUR WINDS/ARISTOCRAT TRAILERS/2009-2010
FOUR WINDS/EXPRESS LITE/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-331

Mfg's Report Date: August 11, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 51

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 DUTCHMAN AND FOUR WINDS TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BY DUTCHMAN BECAUSE THEY FAIL TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 567, "CERTIFICATION." THE FEDERAL IDENTIFICATION TAG TIRE AND LOADING INFORMATION LABEL DOES NOT CONTAIN THE CORRECT SIZE.

Consequence:

DURING REPLACEMENT OF THE TIRES, A CONSUMER COULD INSTALL THE INCORRECT TIRE POTENTIALLY LEADING TO A CRASH.

Remedy:

DUTCHMAN WILL MAIL THE APPROPRIATE LABELS TO OWNERS FREE OF CHARGE. IF THE CUSTOMER REQUIRES ASSISTANCE INSTALLING THE LABELS, A DEALER WILL INSTALL THE LABEL. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 24, 2009. 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).

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

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it does not meet all the requirements of Part 577.

Reason for this Recall please change paragraph to read i.e.

Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. (Dutchmen) has decided that certain model year 2009-2010 Four Winds and Dutchman trailers, manufactured by Dutchman, fail to comply with the requirements of part 567, "Certification."

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 'GP' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

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