



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

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NVS-215dgl
09V-429

SUBJECT: FEDERAL ID LABEL/FMVSS 567 CERTIFICATION

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dutchmen Manufacturing'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/DENALI/2009-2010
DUTCHMEN/NORTHSHORE/2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-429

Mfg's Report Date: October 26, 2009

Components: EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABELS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 106

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN TRAVEL TRAILERS FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. PART 567, "CERTIFICATION." THESE VEHICLES WERE MANUFACTURED WITH THE INCORRECT AXLE INFORMATION PRINTED ON THE FEDERAL CERTIFICATION LABEL.

Consequence:

TOWING A VEHICLE WITH THE AXLE LOADED BEYOND THE SPECIFIED WEIGHT RATING MAY RESULT IN AXLE FAILURE LEADING TO POOR VEHICLE HANDLING AND INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DUTCHMEN WILL MAIL THE CORRECTED TAG TO CONSUMERS OR THE CUSTOMER WILL HAVE THE OPTION FOR DEALERS TO INSTALL THE LABEL FOR THEM FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE NOVEMBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUTCHMEN AT 866-869-1109.

Notes:

OWNERS 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577, however we would like to add a risk i.e., "Towing a vehicle with the axle loaded beyond the specified weight rating may result in axle failure leading to poor vehicle handling and increasing the risk of a crash."

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).

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