

August 11, 2009

VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**09V-331**
(2 Pages)

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: Dutchmen Manufacturing
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dutchmen Manufacturing ("Dutchmen") has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the recreational vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Dutchmen.

<u>Product Brand</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
2009 Dutchmen Lite Trailers DL16D-XRV Production Date: 11/15/08 – 2/10/09	3
2009 Four Winds Aristocrat Trailers 29Q Production Date: 5/13/08 – 2/27/09	28
2010 Dutchmen Lite Trailers DL16D-XRV Production Date: 4/6/09 – 8/4/09	5
2010 Four Winds Express Lite FL16D-XRV Production Date: 4/6/09 – 8/18/09	6
2010 Four Winds Aristocrat Trailers 29Q Production Date: 4/1/09 – 7/22/09	9
The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is:	51

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the incorrect information on the Federal Identification Tag and Tire and Loading Information Label. The labels list the wrong tire size. The size should be ST205/75D15 and was listed as ST205/75D14. During replacement of the tires, a consumer could install the incorrect tire potentially leading to property damage.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The defect was discovered during a review of the information listed on the labels. A review of the information stored on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the Federal Identification Tag and Tire and Loading Information Label with the correct one supplied by Dutchmen.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on August 24, 2009 pending NHTSA approval. A final copy of the owner letter will also be provided to NHTSA.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dutchmen will be filing quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- G. Campaign Number. Dutchmen does not have an internal campaign number for this recall. Dutchmen will use the recall campaign number assigned by NHTSA.

The enclosed information should comply with the NHTSA regulations and satisfy the obligations of Dutchmen with respect to this recall campaign. If you need any additional information regarding the participation of Dutchmen in this recall campaign, please feel free to contact David Mihalick at 937-596-6849, Ext. 7363. or Brad Sherwin, Dutchmen, at 574-975-0530.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager