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VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

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>
2010 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE292RKX-DSL10 Production Date: 04/08/09 – 10/23/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1S22AP623875 - 47CTD1S20AP624779	69
2009 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE300BSX-DSL09 Production Date: 2/6/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1R219P623688	1
2010 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE300BSX-DSL10 Production Date: 4/15/09 – 8/7/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1R24AP623916 - 47CTD1R26AP624419	3
2009 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE310FGX-DSL09 Production Date: 2/18/09 – 3/23/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1S299P623741 - 47CTD1S259P623896	3

2010 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE310FGX -DSL10 Production Date: 4/23/09 – 10/23/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1S24AP623974 - 47CTD1S20AP624734	14
2009 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE312BHX-DSL09 Production Date: 3/26/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1S259P623848	1
2010 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE312BHX -DSL10 Production Date: 5/18/09 – 10/23/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1S29AP624053 - 47CTD1S25AP624714	9
2010 Northshore Super Lite Trailers NS292RKX-DSL10 Production Date: 04/29/09 – 9/23/09 VIN Range: 47CTF2S25AP624020 - 47CTF2S23AP624632	4
2010 Northshore Super Lite Trailers NS310FGX-DSL10 Production Date: 04/9/09 – 6/19/09 VIN Range: 47CTF2S24AP623957 - 47CTF2S22AP624282	2

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 106

- B. Description of Defect. It has been decided that these vehicles were manufactured with the incorrect axle information printed on the Federal Certification Label. The axle rating does not match the specifications listed on the Federal Certification Label. The actual axle rating (GAWR) is 4,400lbs. and is listed as 5,080 lbs. on the label. Towing a vehicle with the axle loaded beyond the specified weight rating may result in axle failure leading to poor vehicle handling and an increased risk of a crash.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The defect was discovered during a review of the model information by Dutchmen's Engineering Department. 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 Certification Label on each vehicle with one that has the corrected GAWR's for each axle.
- E. Owner Notifications. An owner's letter is attached for approval. The notifications will begin shortly after approval.

- 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'DMihalick', written in a cursive style.

David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager