



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

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NVS-215dgl  
10V-244

SUBJECT: INCORRECT TIRE INFORMATION

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/FREEDOM SPIRIT/2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-244

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 2, 2010

**Components:** EQUIPMENT: OTHER: LABEL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 100

**Summary:**

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 FREEDOM SPIRIT RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM MARCH 12, 2009 THROUGH MARCH 25, 2009 FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 567, "CERTIFICATION." THE FEDERAL LABEL AND TIRE LOADING INFORMATION LABEL DOES NOT CONTAIN THE CORRECT TIRE INFORMATION. THE LABELS LIST THE WRONG TIRE SIZE.

**Consequence:**

A CONSUMER COULD REPLACE THE TIRES WITH TIRES OF AN INCORRECT SIZE WHICH MAY IMPACT VEHICLE PERFORMANCE AND HANDLING INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL MAIL TO CONSUMERS THE CORRECT TIRE INFORMATION LABEL. IF THE CONSUMER REQUIRES ASSISTANCE INSTALLING THE LABELS, DEALERS WILL PERFORM THE INSTALLATION FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE JUNE 14, 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THE DUTCHMEN WARRANTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT 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).

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.

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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 that reads "G. H. Person" with a stylized flourish at the end.

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