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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-334

SUBJECT: AXLE LENGTH

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dutchmen Manufacturing's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/ARISTOCRAT/2010
DUTCHMEN/COLEMAN/2010-2011
DUTCHMEN/DUTCHMEN/2010-2011
DUTCHMEN/DUTCHMEN LITE/2010
DUTCHMEN/DUTCHMEN SPORT/2010
DUTCHMEN/FOUR WINDS/2010-2011
DUTCHMEN/RAINIER/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-334

Mfg's Report Date: July 22, 2010

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,255

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010-2011 COLEMAN, DUTCHMEN, AND FOUR WINDS, MODEL YEAR 2010 ARISTOCRAT, DUTCHMEN LITE, DUTCHMEN SPORT AND MODEL YEAR 2011 RAINIER RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM NOVEMBER 2, 2009 THROUGH MAY 5, 2010. THESE VEHICLES WERE MANUFACTURED WITH AXLES THAT MAY NOT PROVIDE THE PROPER TIRE SIDEWALL CLEARANCE TO THE TRAVEL TRAILER WHEEL WELL OR SLIDE ROOM CROSS SHAFT. IF THE PROPER TIRE SIDEWALL CLEARANCE IS NOT MAINTAINED, THE TIRE COULD RUB ON THE TRAILER WHEEL WELL OR SLIDE ROOM CROSS SHAFT AND RESULT IN A TIRE FAILURE.

Consequence:

A TIRE FAILURE COULD RESULT IN LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE RESULTING IN A CRASH OF THE VEHICLE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT VEHICLES AND IF INADEQUATE SIDEWALL TIRE CLEARANCE IS FOUND MODIFICATIONS WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE AUGUST 2, 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, 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,



for

Jennifer Timian
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement