



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

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NVS-215dgl
10V-410

SUBJECT: TRAILER AXLE MIS-LOCATED WELD

DEAR MR. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc.'s (Dutchmen) 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/GRAND JUNCTION/2006-2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-410

Mfg's Report Date: September 14, 2010

Components: POWER TRAIN AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 39

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2006-2007 GRAND JUNCTION FIFTH WHEEL TRAVEL TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN APRIL 27, 2006, AND MAY 2, 2006, AND EQUIPPED WITH LIPPERT AXLES COMPONENTS. THESE VEHICLES MAY CONTAIN MIS-LOCATED WELDS ATTACHING THE AXLE SPINDLE TO THE AXLE TUBE. IF THE WELDS ARE MIS-LOCATED, THE SPINDLE MAY PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM THE AXLE TUBE AND THE WHEEL AND HUB ASSEMBLY MAY COME OFF THE VEHICLE.

Consequence:

A SEPARATED TIRE AND WHEEL ASSEMBLY COULD STRIKE OTHER VEHICLES AND/OR PEDESTRIANS, RISKING INJURY OR DEATH, AND/OR CAUSE SIGNIFICANT DAMAGE PROPERTY.

Remedy:

DUTCHMEN IS WORKING WITH LIPPERT TO INSPECT AND REPLACE IF AN AXLE IS FOUND TO BE DEFECTIVE ON A VEHICLE FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT LIPPERT COMPONENTS, INC.'S AXLE SERVICE & WARRANTY DEPARTMENT AT 1-877-870-4900 OR DUTCHMEN WARRANTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 866-869-1109.

Notes:

CUSTOMERS 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 notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

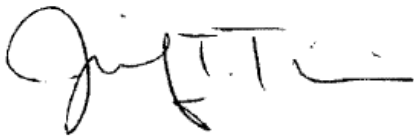
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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).

As stated in your report, Lippert will be handling the remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.6 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Lippert's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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 read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

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