



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

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NVS-215dgl
10V-589

SUBJECT: CIRCUIT BREAKERS/SPRING CLIP FAILURE

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/AEROLITE/2011
DUTCHMEN/COLEMAN/2011
DUTCHMEN/COLORADO/2011
DUTCHMEN/DENALI/2011
DUTCHMEN/DUTCHMEN/2011
DUTCHMEN/FOUR WINDS/2011
DUTCHMEN/GRAND JUNCTION/2011
DUTCHMEN/KODIAK/2011
DUTCHMEN/VOLTAGE/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-589

Mfg's Report Date: November 16, 2010

Components: ELECTRICAL SYSTEM FUSES AND CIRCUIT BREAKERS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1723

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 TRAVEL TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE 10, 2010, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 3, 2010, AND EQUIPPED WITH SIEMENS AND MURRAY ONE INCH PLUG-IN CIRCUIT BREAKERS. THE "SPRING CLIP" PLUG-IN ASSEMBLY MAY BREAK OR FAIL TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT FORCE TO MAINTAIN A PROPER ELECTRICAL CONNECTION IN THE PANEL BOARD.

Consequence:

THIS COULD LEAD TO EXCESSIVE TEMPERATURE, ARCING OR THERMAL DAMAGE AT THE CONNECTION POINT, AND POTENTIAL DAMAGE TO THE PANEL BOARD'S ELECTRICAL INSULATION WHICH COULD LEAD TO FIRE, PROPERTY DAMAGE, OR PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE BREAKERS AND REPLACE AS NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUTCHMEN WARRANTY SERVICE DEPARTMENT AT 574-537-0700.

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.

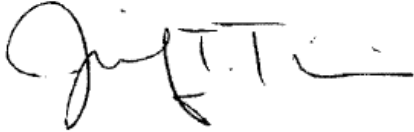
We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it meets the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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