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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

10V-347
(2 Pages)

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 non-conformance 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>
2011 Coleman Model CT-CTS192RD-11	58
2011 Dutchmen Model DM-196RD-11	51
2011 FourWinds Model FO-191RD-11	26

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 135.
These vehicles were built between 5/14/10 and 6/29/10.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the incorrect information on the Federal Identification Tag. The label lists the wrong gross axle weight rating (GAWR). The GAWR was listed as 6400 lbs on the label and should have been 3500 lbs. With the incorrect axle rating information a consumer could overload the vehicle resulting in personal or property damage.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The defect was discovered after an internal compliance audit at Dutchmen. A review of the information stored on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.

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- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the Federal Identification Tag and with the correct one supplied by Dutchmen.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on August 1, 2010 pending NHTSA approval. A copy of the owner's letter is attached for 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,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager