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VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

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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 Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dutchmen has been notified by Siemens concerning a safety defect involving plug-in type "QP" circuit breakers manufactured between June 1, 2010 and July 31, 2010 inclusive. Siemens has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance with the CPSC and is in process of issuing a recall with NHTSA.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain travel trailers manufactured by Dutchmen were built with Siemens circuit breakers that contain the defect.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Dutchmen.

| <u>Model</u> | <u>Model Years</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Dutchmen | 2011 |
| Four Winds | 2011 |
| Coleman | 2011 |
| Kodiak | 2011 |
| Aerolite | 2011 |
| Denali | 2011 |
| Colorado | 2011 |
| Grand Junction | 2011 |
| Voltage | 2011 |

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 1723.
These vehicles were built between 6/10/2010 and 9/3/2010.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective circuit breakers. It has been decided the Siemens and Murray one inch plug-in circuit breakers, single pole 20 amp and double pole 50 amp with a June or July date code, may have a non-conforming "spring clip" plug-in assembly that breaks or fails to provide sufficient force to maintain a

proper electrical connection in the panel board. Over time, this condition could lead to excessive temperature, arcing or thermal damage at the connection point, and potential damage to the panel board's electrical insulation. Such activity may, in extreme situations, lead to fire, property damage, or personal injury. As a result of this potential, Siemens is conducting a safety recall campaign to inspect and, where necessary, correct this issue.

- C. Supplier: Siemens Industry, Inc. 5400 Triangle Parkway, Norcross, GA 30092
Contact: W. Kevin Vickery
- D. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by Dave Carter & Associates of the recall campaign Siemens is conducting in coordination with the US Consumer Product Safety Commission. Siemens has received one report of a circuit breaker spring clip that broke during installation. No injuries have been reported.
- E. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the single 20 amp and double 50 amp breakers and replace it if the date code is 0610 or 0710. Dutchmen has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- F. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter pending NHTSA approval. A copy of the owner's letter is attached for approval.
- G. Dealer Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the Dutchmen dealers of this recall. A copy of the dealer's notification will be forwarded shortly for approval.
- H. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dutchmen will file quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- I. 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 Jerry McCarthy, Dutchmen at (574) 975-0546.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager