



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

March 24, 2011

MR. DAVID MIHALICK  
STANDARDS COMPLIANCE MANAGER  
DUTCHMEN MANUFACTURING, INC.  
419 W. PIKE ST.  
JACKSON CENTER, OH 45334

NVS-215dgl  
11V-184

SUBJECT: GVWR CERTIFICATION LABEL

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 noncompliance with Part 567, "Certification," in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to Federal law.

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/KOMFORT PACIFIC RIDGE/2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-184

**Mfg's Report Date:** March 16, 2011

**Components:** EQUIPMENT OTHER LABEL

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 32

**Summary:**

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 KOMFORT PACIFIC RIDGE RECREATIONAL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 15, 2010 THROUGH DECEMBER 30, 2010, FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 567, "CERTIFICATION." THE LABELS LIST THE WRONG GROSS AXLE WEIGHT RATING (GAWR) AND GROSS VEHICLE WEIGHT RATING (GVWR).

**Consequence:**

A CONSUMER COULD OVERLOAD THE VEHICLE BASED ON THE INCORRECT INFORMATION PROVIDED. AN OVERLOADED VEHICLE MAY INCREASE THE RISK OF A TIRE FAILURE THAT COULD RESULT IN A VEHICLE CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DUTCHMEN WILL MAIL TO CONSUMERS THE CORRECTED LABEL OR THE CUSTOMER WILL HAVE THE OPTION FOR DEALERS TO INSTALL THE LABEL FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR BEFORE MARCH 21, 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUTCHMEN 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

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

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 Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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