



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

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

NVS-215dgl
11V-430

SUBJECT: EXHAUST VENT

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/RUBICON/2011-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-430

Mfg's Report Date: August 17, 2011

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: LPG FURNACE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 171

Summary:

DUTCHMEN IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 RUBICON TRAVEL TRAILERS MANUFACTURED FROM DECEMBER 8, 2010, THROUGH JULY 15, 2011. THESE VEHICLES MAY HAVE BEEN MANUFACTURED WITH THE EXTERIOR FURNACE VENT NOT INSTALLED IN THE SIDEWALL OF THE TRAILER. THE FURNACE CAN RUN WITHOUT THE PROPER EXHAUST VENTILATION AND RELEASE CARBON MONOXIDE TO THE INTERIOR OF THE UNIT.

Consequence:

THIS COULD RESULT IN ASPHYXIATION OR CARBON MONOXIDE POISONING. THE HEAT BUILD UP FROM THE EXHAUST CAN ALSO RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE TRAILER TO VERIFY THE FURNACE EXHAUST IS PRESENT AND INSTALL ONE IF NECESSARY FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING AUGUST 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT DUTCHMEN AT 1-574-537-0700.

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).

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please 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 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 1-202-366-9525, 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 "Rick Willard". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "W".

Rick Willard
Acting Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement