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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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

11V-005
(2 Pages)

Re: Dutchmen Manufacturing Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

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 KIB Electronics fuel timer shut-off modules that contain a 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>
Rubicon	2011
Voltage	2011

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 229.
These vehicles were built between 8/16/10 and 12/23/10.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective fuel shut-off timer modules. The module was supposed to be programmed with a 5 minute shut-off feature, which automatically shuts off the fuel pump after 5 minutes of no activity. The defective modules do not have this automatic shut-off feature programmed into them. This allows the fuel pump to continuously run if not shut off in the initial 5 minute period, causing it to overheat and fail. In extreme situations, the overheating may lead to fire, property damage, or personal injury.
- C. Supplier: KIB Electronics, 2504 Jeanwood Drive, Elkhart, IN 46514. 574-262-0518.
Contacts: Jeff Bellamy and Terry Garl
- D. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by one of its dealers of a fuel pump running over night and failing on a trailer in possession of the dealer. Upon further investigation at Dutchmen's manufacturing facility, it was determined the automatic shut-off feature was not programmed into the modules.

The defect has been corrected in current production units. No injuries have been reported.

- E. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the defective fuel shut-off timer modules. 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 is attached 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