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**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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(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 defect 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 Komfort Pacific Ridge P24RK	32

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 32.
These vehicles were built between 10/15/10 and 12/30/10.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the incorrect information on the Federal Identification Tag and cargo carrying capacity label. The label lists the wrong Gross Axle Weight ratings (GAWR) and Gross Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR). The GAWR should be listed as 3,500 lbs. and were listed as 4,160 lbs. The GVWR should be listed as 7,700 lbs. and were listed as 8,320 lbs. With the incorrect GVWR being listed, the cargo carrying capacity for each vehicle is also incorrect. The carrying capacity of each vehicle is determined by weighing each vehicle, therefore the value on this label is different for each vehicle based upon its weight. With the incorrect weight 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 review of the information listed on the labels. A review of the information stored on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the Federal Identification Tag and cargo carrying capacity label with the correct ones supplied by Dutchmen.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning on March 21, 2011 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 Jerry McCarthy, Dutchmen, at 574-975-0546.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager