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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-358
(2 Pages)

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

Dear Mr. Smith:

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>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Infinity	2012

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 92.
These vehicles were built between 2/4/11 and 6/30/11.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the 12 Volt main wiring in the front bulkhead compartment incorrectly routed. On the electrical bus bar mounted to the bulkhead in this compartment, only the main power feed from the disconnect switch should be connected to the lower section of the bus bar. On affected units, the power feed line to the solenoid for the hydraulic pump system is also wired to the lower portion of the bus bar. As a result, this circuit is not protected by an auto reset breaker. In the event of a short or ground, this unprotected circuit could result in a fire.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by one of its dealers on July 8, 2011 that the main 12 Volt wiring in the front access bulkhead compartment had shorted out and melted the 12V wiring insulation in the main power circuit for the hydraulic pump system. An immediate investigation revealed that this circuit was not wired properly, as described above. No other incidents or injuries have been reported.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to install an additional auto reset breaker to the bus bar and connect the power feed for the hydraulic pump system to this added breaker, which will give it the required over current protection. Dutchmen has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter pending NHTSA approval. A copy of the owner's letter will be sent shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the Dutchmen dealers of this recall. A copy of the dealer's notification will be sent shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dutchmen will file quarterly reports in connection with this recall campaign.
- H. 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