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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

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>
Voltage	2012

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 550. Approximately 20% of the vehicles contain the defect. These vehicles were built between 1/3/11 and 7/8/11.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with fuel supply and fuel return hoses that may contain a splice in the fuel line. These lines should be continuous run through a PVC pipe that runs from the fuel tank to the generator. This condition was discovered after a supplier change. Bulk spools of fuel line have been found to contain a random splice that is evident by yellow tape joining two ends. A limited number of Voltage units may contain lines that have a splice. Lines that contain a splice may eventually leak fuel, which could result in a potential fire.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by one of its dealers on July 14, 2011 of the defect. An immediate investigation determined the root cause of the defect and the manufacturing date range affected.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the fuel lines between the fuel tank and the generator. If found to have a splice, the lines will be replaced. 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 is attached for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the Dutchmen dealers of this recall. A copy of the dealer's notification is attached 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