



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

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Mr. DAVID MIHALICK
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NVS-215ET
12V-365

Subject: Propane Line

Dear Mr. MIHALICK:

This letter serves to acknowledge DUTCHMEN MANUFACTURING, INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/COLEMAN/2013
DUTCHMEN/DUTCHMEN/2013

Mfr's Report Date: July 30, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-365

Components:
EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE:LPG LINES AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 40

Problem Description:

Dutchmen is recalling certain model year 2013 Coleman 192 and Dutchmen 196 recreational vehicles manufactured from April 12, 2012, through July 9, 2012. These vehicles have been manufactured with the propane line in close proximity to the rear axle hanger which could be damaged by the rear axle hanger bolt during travel.

Consequence:

If this occurs, a leak could develop, and in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire and/or explosion, increasing the risk of personal injury or property damage.

Remedy:

Dutchmen will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and, as necessary, replace and re-route the propane line, free of charge. Dutchmen has not provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Dutchmen at 1-574-537-0700.

Notes:

Customers may 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>.

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.

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Also, 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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at edison.thompson@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement