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**VIA E-MAIL**  
**RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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Amended

Ms. Nancy Lewis  
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 Ms. Lewis:

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>
Coleman 192	2013
Dutchmen 196	2013

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 40.  
These vehicles were built between 4/12/12 and 7/9/12.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign have been manufactured with an incorrectly routed propane line. The propane line is routed too close to the rear axle hanger and it is possible for the propane line to be contacted by the axle hanger bolt during travel. The propane line can become damaged and develop a leak, which in the presence of an ignition source could result in a fire and/or explosion causing property damage and/or personal injury.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen discovered the defect during a routine quality inspection at its manufacturing facility on July 23, 2012. An immediate investigation determined the root cause of the defect and the manufacturing date range affected.

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- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to inspect the propane line and determine if the routing provides the required adequate clearance to the axle. If the routing is incorrect or the propane line has been damaged, the propane will be replaced and routed correctly in the vehicle. 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