



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE  
Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. David Mihalick  
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Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc.  
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NVS-215KS  
13V-144

**Subject:** Incorrect Label/FMVSS 110

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/DUTCHMEN/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** April 15, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-144

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT:OTHER:LABELS

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 10

**Problem Description:**

Dutchmen Manufacturing Inc. is recalling certain model year 2013 Dutchmen 245RKS recreational vehicles for failing to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) Number 110, "Tire Selection and Rims." On these vehicles, the Federal identification tag lists the wrong Gross Vehicle Weight Rating and the wrong Gross Axle Weight Rating.

**Consequence:**

Incorrect tag information could result in overloading of the vehicle, causing tire or axle failure, resulting in loss of vehicle control, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Dutchmen will notify owners and mail replacement labels with corrected information, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in May 2013. Owners may contact Dutchmen at 1-574-537-0700.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Dutchmen's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirement:

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto: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 written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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