



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. David Mihalick
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Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc.
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NVS-215KS
13V-174

Subject: Unexpected Unfurling of the Awning

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:
BRECKENRIDGE/BRECKENRIDGE/2013

Mfr's Report Date: May 6, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-174

Components:
EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 5

Problem Description:

Dutchmen Manufacturing is recalling certain model year 2013 Breckenridge recreational vehicles manufactured February 13, 2013, through April 9, 2013. If the awning installation sequence was not completely followed, the awning motor may unknowingly become damaged.

Consequence:

If motor damage has occurred, it is possible that the awning can unfurl unexpectedly, either while the vehicle is at rest or while in transit, increasing the risk of personal injury or a vehicle crash.

Remedy:

Dutchmen will notify owners and dealers will replace the affected motors with a design that is not subject to an out-of-sequence installation error. This will be done at no cost to the owner. Owners are being instructed not to drive their vehicle until repairs can be performed. 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.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. 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 your 573, we understand that Dometic will be filing the required six quarterly recall completion rates reports.

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 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 large initial "J" and "T".

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