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October 29, 2012

**VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED**

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>	<u>Manufacturing Location(s)</u>
Aspen Trail	2012, 2013	Burley, Idaho
Coleman	2012, 2013	Burley, Idaho
Dutchemen	2012, 2013	Burley, Idaho

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 740.
These vehicles were built between 10/4/11 and 10/01/12.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign may have been manufactured with the exterior furnace vent not installed in the sidewall of the trailer. The furnace can run without the proper exhaust ventilation and release carbon monoxide to the interior of the unit resulting in asphyxiation or carbon monoxide poisoning. The heat build up from the exhaust can also result in a fire.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by one of its dealers on October 11, 2012 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 owner's trailer to verify the furnace exhaust is present and correctly installed. If the trailer does not have an exhaust vent, it will be installed. 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 Roger Hirschy, Dutchmen at (574) 975-0630.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager