



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

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NVS-215KS
13V-026

Subject: Iota Transfer Switch Overheating

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/FREEDOM SPIRIT/2010
DUTCHMEN/GRAND JUNCTION/2007-2011
DUTCHMEN/MONTE VISTA/2009
DUTCHMEN/N TENSE/2009-2010
DUTCHMEN/VICTORY LANE/2008-2009
DUTCHMEN/WINNERS CIRCLE/2008-2009

Mfr's Report Date: January 23, 2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 13V-026

Components:

ELECTRICAL SYSTEM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 698

Problem Description:

Dutchmen is recalling certain model year 2007-2011 Grand Junction; model year 2008-2009 Victory Lane and Winners Circle; model year 2009-2010 N'Tense; model year 2010 Freedom Spirit and model year 2009 Monte Vista recreational trailers. The affected trailers are equipped with Iota ITS-50R transfer switches. Wiring connections inside the transfer switch are not adequate and, as a result, the switch may overheat.

Consequence:

An overheated switch could result in a fire.

Remedy:

Dutchmen will notify owners and replace the Iota transfer switch, free of charge. The manufacturer 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 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.

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt. Please provide this information as soon as possible.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

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 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