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VIA E-MAIL
RECEIPT CONFIRMATION REQUESTED

Mr. Daniel Smith
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
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dutchmen Manufacturing (“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>Product Brand</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
2009 Denali Super Lite Trailers DE292RKX-DSL09 Production Date: 11/11/08 – 2/26/09 VIN Range: 47CTD1S279P623494 - 47CTD1S289P623777	20
2009 Northshore Super Lite Trailers NS292RKX-DSL09 Production Date: 11/11/08 – 2/26/09 VIN Range: 47CTF2S279P623642 - 47CTF2S249P623680	4

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 24

- B. Description of Defect. It has been determined that these vehicles were manufactured with incorrect axles. These vehicles were built with axles rated at 4,400 lbs. The vehicles should have been built with axles rated at 5080 lbs.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. The defect was discovered during review of model information by Dutchmen’s Engineering department. A review of the information stored on file for each vehicle led to the determination of the beginning and ending production range.

- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to replace the axles on each vehicle with one's rated at 5,080 lbs. This will be done at no charge to the vehicle owner.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will begin notifying owners within three weeks pending NHTSA approval. An owner's letter will be submitted shortly for approval.
- F. Dealer Notifications. Dutchmen will begin notifying dealers within three weeks pending NHTSA approval. A dealer's letter will be submitted shortly for approval.
- G. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dutchmen will be filing 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 Brad Sherwin, Dutchmen, at 574-975-0530.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager