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(2 Pages)

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 Inc.
Defect and Non-Compliance Report

Dear Mr. Smith:

Dutchmen has been notified by Dimplex concerning a safety defect involving plug-in remote control receivers built between August 2001 and December 2009 inclusive. Dimplex has already initiated a safety recall campaign with respect to this non-compliance. NHTSA has assigned recall number 10E-027 to the Dimplex recall campaign.

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, we are hereby notifying the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that certain Travel trailers manufactured by Dutchmen were built with Dimplex plug-in remote control receivers that contain the defect.

As more specifically set forth below, Dimplex has agreed to conduct the recall campaign involving these defective plug-in remote control receivers. Dutchmen will provide Dimplex with a list of dealers and owners to assist Dimplex in remedying the defect. Dimplex will be filing the quarterly reports in connection with the recall campaign.

- A. Recall Population and Vehicle Identification. The recall population includes the following product brands manufactured by Dutchmen.

<u>Model</u>	<u>Model Years</u>
Fifth Avenue	2001-2002
Signature	2001-2002
Colorado	2003-2004

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is 1494.
These vehicles were built between 5/15/2000 and 5/31/2004.

- B. Description of Defect. The vehicles subject to this recall campaign were manufactured with the defective plug-in remote control receiver. In some instances, the plug-in remote control receiver can overheat, posing a fire hazard. Dimplex North America has received multiple reported incidents involving damage that extends beyond failure of the product itself. Dimplex North America has received one report of a fire (non-vehicle) causing property damage, and no reports of injuries or fatalities.

- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. Dutchmen was notified by Dimplex of their CPSC recall in April of 2010. At that time, Dimplex was unsure if a vehicle recall was required. Subsequently, Dimplex contacted the NHTSA and has now issued an equipment recall for the plug-in remote control receiver.
- D. Remediying of Defect. As set forth in the notification issued by Dimplex in connection with recall campaign 10E-027, Dimplex will provide the owners a free replacement plug-in remote control receiver. The owners of the travel trailers subject to this recall campaign will be advised to contact Dimplex in order to make arrangements to have the remedy completed by Dimplex. Dimplex will implement the recall campaign in accordance with the procedures specified in recall campaign 10E-027. Dimplex has agreed to remedy the defect without charge to the owners.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dimplex on the behalf of 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. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dimplex will be responsible for filing quarterly reports in connection with recall campaign 10E-027. Because the information included by Dimplex in its quarterly reports will encompass the remediying of the Dutchmen travel trailers subject to this recall campaign, Dutchmen will not file quarterly reports to avoid duplication.
- G. 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 Jerry McCarthy, Dutchmen at (574) 975-0546.

Sincerely,



David M. Mihalick
Thor Industries
Standards Compliance Manager