



July 2, 2013

**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.
Notice of Defect

Dear Ms. Lewis:

Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc. ("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 and Models</u>	<u>Number of Vehicles</u>
2013 -2014 Aspen Trail Travel Trailers Models: 1400RB, 1500BH, 1600RB, 2110RBS, 2470BHS, 3010BHDS VIN Range: 47CTATS22DT210547 - 47CTATG20ET212632	185
2013 – 2014 Coleman Travel Trailers Models: CTS14FD, CTS15BH, CTS16BH, CTS16QB VIN Range: 47CTCLJ12DT210678 - 47CTCLH18ET212619	347
2013 – 2014 Dutchmen Travel Trailers Models: 190QB, 282RBS, 286BHGS, 318RKDS, 816QB VIN Range: 47CTDEP25DT210604 - 47CTDEJ10ET212536	11

The recall population only includes products manufactured in Idaho from September 1, 2012 – June 25, 2013.

The total number of vehicles subject to this recall campaign is: 543

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- B. Description of Defect. It has been decided the vehicles subject to this recall campaign have a flexible non-metallic propane supply hose installed inside the burner box of the cooktop. In certain conditions, the heat from the range burner may cause the hose to melt and leak propane leading to an increased risk of fire, personal injury and property damage.
- C. Basis for Determining that a Defect Exists. June 25, 2013 During a review of the installation of the cooktop it was discovered the flexible hose was routed inside the burner box of the cooktop. It has been determined vehicles manufactured before September 2012 had the copper extension installed in the burner box of the cooktop. The recall includes all units manufactured since the copper tubing was not installed up until the issue was corrected.
- D. Remedying of Defect. The remedy is to install a copper line to the propane connection in the cooktop burner box. The parts and service for this remedy will be provided at no cost to the owner.
- E. Owner Notifications. Dutchmen will notify the owners of the recreational vehicles by letter beginning in July 2013 pending NHTSA approval. A final copy of the owner letter will also be provided to NHTSA, along with the dealer repair procedures.
- F. Quarterly Reporting Requirements. Dutchmen will file the quarterly reports in connection with this campaign.
- G. Campaign Number. Dutchmen's identification code for this recall is 13-195.

If you need any additional information regarding this recall campaign, please feel free to contact me at 574-975-0546.

Sincerely,

Jim Izbicki
Dutchmen Manufacturing, Inc.
Director of Service Operations