

Manufacturer		Thor Motor Coach							
ODI #	11437860	Date Added	10/23/2021			Failure Date	10/20/2021		
Year	2016	Make	THOR			Model	HURRICANE		
VIN	1F66F5DY8F0				Miles				
Original Owner	N	City	Mims				State	FL	
Dealer									
		City					State		
Speed	63	Crash	Y	Fire	N	Police Report		Y	
Injured	0	Deaths	0	Towed	Y	Medical Attention		N	
Component(s)		UNKNOWN OR OTHER							
Complaint Summary		<p>While traveling on I 87 in New York, the factory-installed receiver hitch broke off allowing my vehicle being towed to separate from my RV causing extensive damage to my 2019 GMC Acadia. This could have been catastrophic if the car had hit other vehicles on this heavily traveled road. There was no visible sign of cracking or metal fatigue prior to the separation. This is not the first time that a tow hitch has separated from a Thor RV.</p>							

Manufacturer		Thor Motor Coach					
ODI #	11508906	Date Added	02/24/2023		Failure Date	01/31/2023	
Year	2017	Make	THOR		Model	HURRICANE	
VIN	1F66F5DY6H0				Miles		
Original Owner	N	City	York			State	PA
Dealer							
		City				State	
Speed	0	Crash	N	Fire	N	Police Report	N
Injured	0	Deaths	0	Towed	N	Medical Attention	N
Component(s)	EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER,STRUCTURE,TRAILER HITCHES						
Complaint Summary	<p>There are severe cracks (photos attached) on the frame found where the trailer hitch is bolted to the frame. There is approximately 20,000 miles on the motorhome. Thor Motor Coach brochure advertises "8,000-lb. Trailer Hitch With 7-pin Round Connector" (see Attached). This implies the Coach can tow 8,000Lbs. Websites (www.rvusa.com and www.thorrvsource.com) actually state the "Towing capacity is 8,000 Lbs." I have an aluminum car trailer that is rated for 7,000 lbs. and unladen weight is 1460 lbs. The car that I trailer (2017 Hyundai Sante Fe) weights about 4000 lbs. for a total weight of 5,460 lbs. Less than the 8,000 lbs. that the brochure lists. These cracks could lead to a catastrophic failure with the trailer breaking away from the coach and would still be connected to the trailer hitch and would be completely out of control. I contacted Thor Motor Coach[XXX]and they disagree that their brochure is OK. I checked and their present brochure still has the 8,000-lb trailer hitch listed. No other towing information is included in their manuals. My Coach is being repaired at River's Truck Center. Attached is their estimate. My problem is I see other Coach's with trailers and vehicles on the highway and worry that their frames may be cracked and not realize the problem. I feel that Thor needs to send out notification to prevent serious accidents. I am not sure if other manufacturers have similar problem. INFORMATION Redacted PURSUANT TO THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT (FOIA), 5 U.S.C. 552(B)(6).</p>						

Manufacturer		Thor Motor Coach							
ODI #	11510061	Date Added	03/03/2023			Failure Date	03/01/2023		
Year	2017	Make	THOR			Model	WINDSPORT		
VIN	1F65F5DY1H0					Miles			
Original Owner	N	City	Burleson				State	TX	
Dealer									
		City					State		
Speed	35	Crash	N	Fire	N	Police Report		N	
Injured	0	Deaths	0	Towed	N	Medical Attention		N	
Component(s)		EQUIPMENT:RECREATIONAL VEHICLE/TRAILER,STRUCTURE,TRAILER HITCHES							
Complaint Summary		<p>The rear frame that the trailer hitch is attached to has cracked and trailer hitch began to fail.the hitch metal also cracked and the hitch started to fall down,dropping the front of the trailer.if the trailer hitch dropped of completely,the safety devices of the trailer would not have worked. Since the safety chains and emergency brake cable are attached to the hitch,the trailer would be free wheeling down the highway. This would then probably hit another vehicle possibly causing injury or death. The is a Lippert brand hitch. Tag on hitch states 8000 GVW and 500 lb tongue weight. Trailer was less than 4000lbs. And less then 500 tongue weight.</p>							

Manufacturer		Thor Motor Coach							
ODI #	11553386	Date Added	11/03/2023			Failure Date	10/25/2023		
Year	2022	Make	THOR MOTOR			Model	CHALLENGER		
VIN	1F66F5DN7M0				Miles				
Original Owner	N	City	ORTONVILLE				State	MI	
Dealer									
		City					State		
Speed	65	Crash	N	Fire	N	Police Report		N	
Injured	0	Deaths	0	Towed	N	Medical Attention		N	
Component(s)		UNKNOWN OR OTHER							
Complaint Summary		<p>The Receiver Hitch manufactured by Lippert Components part #360-231 and install by Thor and standard equipment failed in use and almost lost towed vehicle on Interstate Highway. Receiver Hitch broke completely on one side and only had 25% still holding on other side when excessive swerving of towed car and noise of dragging tow bar made driver stop. Towed car weight was half of stated hitch rating so there was no expectation of failure of this nature. Researching failure after incident found many similar reports on Thor related forums and a recent NHTSA recall 23V-351 for similar Lippert hitch.</p>							

Manufacturer		Thor Motor Coach							
ODI #	11562420	Date Added	12/28/2023		Failure Date	12/24/2023			
Year	2016	Make	THOR			Model	MIRAMAR		
VIN	1F66F5DY5G0				Miles				
Original Owner	N	City	Montreal				State	WI	
Dealer									
		City					State		
Speed	60	Crash	N	Fire	N	Police Report	N		
Injured	0	Deaths	0	Towed	N	Medical Attention	N		
Component(s)		TRAILER HITCHES							
Complaint Summary		<p>The receiver hitch tore on both sides where the manufacturer (lippert) bends it, you can see where there press pinched the bend possibly weakening it. I have seen other forums and posts today about similar issues and denied responsibility from lippert on those posts.</p> <p>The hitch is available for inspection, ourselves and others were at risk of injury or death. I have not brought the physical unit into a shop, I don't think it's an insurance claim, and I don't think I can report it to police? Since the situation was realized before it became catastrophic. The website will not allow me to add photos. Please respond back and I can reply to that email with photos</p>							