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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215  
05V-259

Subject: THOR CALIFORNIA/AXLE SPRING HANGER ENHANCEMENT

Dear MR. BENSMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

THOR/JAZZ 367WTB/2004-2005  
THOR/TAHOE 36WTB/2004-2005  
THOR/WANDERER 367WTB/2004-2005

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-259

**Recall Date:** May 27, 2005

**Components:**

POWER TRAIN:AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 764

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS, UNDER EXTREME OR REPEATED EXTREME SIDE-LOADING OF THE AXLES, BENDING OF THE SPRING HANGERS MAY OCCUR.

**Consequence:**

SEVERE BENDING OF THE AXLE HANGERS, POSSIBILITY LOSS OF TRAILER CONTROL WHILE TOWING, AND THE POSSIBILITY OF A VEHICLE CRASH COULD OCCUR.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPAIR WITH THE REQUIRED PARTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 30, 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THOR AT 888-697-8467.

**Notes:**

THOR RECALL NO. 150030. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Please provide us with a date of when the manufacturer became aware of the recall.


We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and have the minor change to the letter. On the "Reason for Notification" first sentence, please change the word "determined" to "decided" per the regulations.


Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin during June 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by October 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement