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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215
06V-208

Subject: FURNACE EXHAUST VENT

Dear MR. BENSMAN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report filed on behalf of your client, Thor California Inc. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

THOR CALIFORNIA/JAZZ/1997-2006
THOR CALIFORNIA/MIRAGE/1997-2006
THOR CALIFORNIA/TAHOE/1997-2006
THOR CALIFORNIA/VORTEX/1997-2006
THOR CALIFORNIA/WANDERER/1997-2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-208

Mfg's Report Date: June 7, 2006

Components: EQUIPMENT: RECREATIONAL VEHICLE: LPG FURNACE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 64,000

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRAVEL AND FIFTH WHEEL TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH SUBURBAN AND ATWOOD FURNACES, THE FURNACE EXHAUST VENT WAS IMPROPERLY INSTALLED. THE FURNACE EXHAUST VENT WILL ALLOW LEAKAGE OF FUMES WHICH CONTAIN COMBUSTION PRODUCTS, INCLUDING A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF POTENTIALLY LETHAL CARBON MONOXIDE GAS.

Consequence:

FUMES COULD ENTER INTO THE TRAILER AND COULD RESULT IN SERIOUS INJURY OR DEATH.

Remedy:

OWNERS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON INSPECTING THE FURNACE VENT. IF AN OWNER BELIEVES THE VENT IS INSTALLED INCORRECTLY, IS NOT SURE HOW TO INSPECT THE FURNACE EXHAUST VENT, OR NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN GETTING THE FURNACE EXHAUST VENT INSTALLATION INSPECTED AND CORRECTED, OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT THOR IMMEDIATELY AT 1-877-870-2638 OR VIA THE INTERNET AT [HTTP://WWW.THORCA.COM](http://www.thorca.com). THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON JUNE 30, 2006.

Notes:

THOR CALIFORNIA RECALL NO. 615001. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have reviewed your proposed owner letter and it does not meet the requirements of Part 577.

Please change the second sentence to read: "THOR California, Inc. has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain travel trailers and fifth-wheel trailers manufactured by THOR California between February 1, 1996 and February 10, 2006."

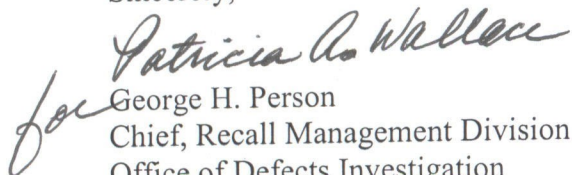
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 required 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, owner notification is expected to begin on June 30, 2006. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before October 30, 2006.

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 or delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



Patricia A. Wallace

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Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement